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Sent: 10/29/2014 2:17:47 AM
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Subject: Re: Follow-up on CSAPR discussion

Thanks, Stephanie. It's certainly fine for people to express disappointment that it's taken this long to get CSAPR in effect.

I'll go ahead tomorrow with discussing next steps as we discussed today. The Administrator is fine with it.

From: Hogan, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 5:48 PM
To: Harvey, Reid; McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph; Powers, Tom; Dunham, Sarah; Krieger, Jackie; Haeuber, Richard; Risley, David; Millett, John; Drinkard, Andrea; Schmidt, Lorie; Stewart, Lori
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Janet, and everyone,

As an FYI, I just heard a report back about our friendly state respondents in the litigation.

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Thanks, Reid — Janet, Joe and Tom will get hard copies in a bit.

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**Attachments:** CSAPR Comms KEY MESSAGES.docx; CSAPR Comms ROLLOUT.docx

Hi David-- Fyi -- I'm sending these points as a heads up to regions. Who should I list as a contact for non-press questions? A general mailbox/phone number would work too.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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I think you did a good job, John. A couple of things in no particular order:

It's plants on tribal lands—not tribal owned.

Another thing we asked the regions to think and let us know about (in the before signature timeframe) is what meetings they might already have scheduled for the summer with their state officials. Then, after the call, we discussed the fact that in the fall, the RAs designed outreach opportunities that they felt met the needs of their regions best. Do we want to do that again? It worked really well (and/but was a significant time commitment). Or is the post-proposal dynamic different enough that we should have a more uniform set of opportunities?

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**From:** Millett, John  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 5:33 PM  
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**Subject:** Follow ups from OAR-RA call

Hi Everyone -- I think this follows the structure of the call and catches a lot of what was said and what we owe. I hope this looks like we were all on the same call! Please have a look and fill in any blanks. I was trying to go quickly, so pardon the brevity, and let me know if you have any questions if too cryptic. This will be helpful in drafting the outreach memo to the regions for Tom R. And pulling together materials for Janet and Joe prior to the briefing with the Administrator on 4/28. Thanks -- John

#### HQ, OAR and regional coordination on 111(d) outreach

##### Before Signature –

- Agency Plan – draft memo w/ Tom R to send to regions (John/Jenny)
- Identify regional and HQ opportunities to engage the public, press and stakeholders on climate issues
- Goal of 1-2 press and stakeholder events – ongoing discussion w/ regions
- Provide HQ support to regions – materials, identify/ vet groups or events (111(d) Comms team/

##### OPA/R1 PAD)

- Re-engage with regional stakeholders/ identify regional validators (ADDs w/ Ken, Madonna, Lora tracking)
- Share stakeholder/validator outreach plan/chart w/ regions (Andrea/Jenny)
- CLOSE HOLD on all materials discussions
- Coordinate on drafting/ review of materials to reflect regional information (example: state plans)
- Brief RA's/regional staff on proposal
- Advance materials to regions

##### Day of Announcement –

- National announcement
- Regional amplification w/ regional press and stakeholders

##### After Announcement –

- Regions use materials to inform stakeholders/public on rule

Identify meeting opportunities and or convene state/region environmental/energy official meetings  
Provide guidance/cheat sheet on follow up discussions and what gets recorded/docketed  
Determine hearing locations  
Identify ways to open public access to understanding and commenting on the rule

#### Q/A – Regional Discussion

R9 and R8 – consultation with Tribe-owned power plants

R3 – regions need lead time to be engaged in messaging

R2 and R3 – need for localized information/ local benefits

R7 – time and resources needed from regional air divisions after rule is proposed

R1 – advance work with stakeholders on response to proposal – set expectations of what 111(d) can accomplish w/ stakeholders

R8 – advance work with states and governors to foster constructive responses

BNA article on 111(d) outreach --

## EPA Consulted With Hundreds of Groups On Carbon Rule for Existing Power Plants



*By Anthony Adragna*

April 8 — Senior Environmental Protection Agency officials consulted with at least 210 separate groups representing a broad range of interests in the Washington, D.C., area and held more than 100 meetings and events with additional organizations across regional offices as the agency prepared its carbon pollution regulation for existing power plants.

Data provided to Bloomberg BNA upon request show the agency held meetings with a broad range of unions, lawyers, publicly traded companies, trade groups, governmental agencies and state organizations and participated in several dozen events such as conference calls and conferences as the EPA prepared the proposed standards ahead of an anticipated June release.

Either EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation Janet McCabe or Senior Counsel Joe Goffman participated in “most” of the meetings held at EPA headquarters, according to the agency. More than one of the senior officials participated in some of the meetings.

Some of the meetings were held one-on-one and others had multiple groups participating, the agency told Bloomberg BNA April 4. The records provided included meetings held through March 12.

“The meetings ranged in substance from businesses talking about a specific proposal or technology to groups that wanted a broad overview of the existing power plant standards in the Climate Action Plan,” according to the agency.

President Barack Obama directed the EPA to craft carbon dioxide pollution standards for both new and existing power plants under his June 2013 Climate Action Plan. The agency expects to release its proposed rule for existing power plants in June under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Under Obama's plan, the EPA would finalize the standards for existing power plants in June 2015 and states would submit their detailed plans to comply with the regulation by June 30, 2016. According to the Energy Information Administration, there are 6,997 power plants operating 19,023 generating units in the U.S.

The EPA sent its proposed regulation to the White House Office of Management and Budget for interagency review on March 31, but has revealed few details of its contents to date (63 DEN A-3, 4/2/14).

Broad Array of Groups Consulted

Meeting records show the EPA has consulted a broad array of groups—ranging from national trade associations to small local communities and individuals—as it crafted the existing power plant standards. Consulted groups include local governments, states, governors, utilities, environmental groups, corporations, community groups, unions, trade groups and tribal entities, among others.

Among the publicly traded companies that have met with the EPA on the standards are Xcel Energy Inc., Entergy Corp., Southern Co., Duke Energy, Opower, Dominion Resources and Alcoa Inc.

Federal agencies consulted in the process include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Energy Department, according to records.

The EPA also reports having met with Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear (D) and other state officials, West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) and other officials, and state officials from California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York and Ohio among others.

Large trade associations were also consulted as the EPA prepared the standards, according to the meeting records. The American Forest and Paper Association, American Public Power Association, National Association of Manufacturers, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, National Association of State Energy Officials, National League of Cities, National Mining Association and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association all met with the agency as it prepared the standards.

EPA records also show significant outreach with academic institutions, community groups, unions and legal firms.

Among the environmental and progressive groups the agency reported meeting with are the Center for American Progress, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Union of Concerned Scientists and World Resources Institute.

#### Significant Outreach at Regional Level

In addition to the meetings held at EPA headquarters, the agency also reported significant outreach efforts through group meetings, conference calls and other events at the regional level.

Records show the agency held 15 outreach events in Region 1, 17 in Region 3, four in Region 3, 12 in Region 4, six in Region 5, 17 in Region 6, 12 in Region 7, 13 in Region 8, 11 in Region 9 and eight in Region 10.

Participants in those meetings ranged from large conferences with hundreds of attendees to smaller groups such as the National Coral Reef Task Force and the Air & Waste Management Association. Many of the meetings included state officials, utility groups and electric cooperatives, according to the records.

Also included in the list of records provided to Bloomberg BNA were the 11 “listening sessions” held by the agency in various parts of the country in February as it prepared the standards. The EPA says those sessions played “an important role in helping EPA develop smart, cost-effective guidelines.”

Critics have said the listening sessions did not occur in parts of the country that will be most starkly impacted by the standards once they are finalized, such as Kentucky and West Virginia.

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Subject: RE: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

AD, below is what we were going to send to our stakeholder e-mail distribution list at 1:30pm. 90% of it is from the e-mail you drafted from Janet to the states. Let me know if you are ok with it. Thx, MR

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To: Ragland, Micah
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Do you have any edits to the script or Q&As? If so, I'll update the files before sending them out.

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From: Noonan, Jenny [Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/16/2014 12:50:15 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; McCabe, Janet [McCabe.Janet@epa.gov]
CC: Harvey, Reid [Harvey.Reid@epa.gov]; Goffman, Joseph [Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

Looks good.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 8:45 AM
To: McCabe, Janet
Cc: Noonan, Jenny; Harvey, Reid; Goffman, Joseph; Millett, John
Subject: RE: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

How about something like this for ECOS? The bracketed text would be what we'd insert for the AAPCA/NACAA/NARUC/NASEO emails.

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From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 1:00 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea
Cc: Noonan, Jenny
Subject: Re: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

I can also specifically thank them for the most recent discussion in Santa Fe

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 10:00 PM, "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Two thoughts:

1) do we need the middle two grafs? I feel like

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2) I think we should

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We should also probably say something

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Ok so that was three things. I can do line edits in the morning. And I can easily work this into an email for the RAs/Adds.

From: Noonan, Jenny
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:33 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea
Subject: FW: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

As requested.

From: Noonan, Jenny
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:29 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea; Millett, John; Stewart, Lori
Subject: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

Here's a draft for your consideration. It wouldn't take much to cut this – mostly taken from William's draft letter to the Senators – down into something for the RAs/ADDs. Let me know if you want me to do that in the morning.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 8:13 PM
To: McCabe, Janet; Millett, John
Cc: Goffman, Joseph; Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Heads Up Calls Tomorrow

Jenny and I will draft something for you to send to ecos and the other state orgs. We might as well add NASEO and NARUC to that email as well. The plan would be for you to send those notes at noon.

We'll get something to the RAs/ADDs first thing tomorrow.

Thanks and safe travels home.

AD

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 7:59 PM
To: Millett, John
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea; Goffman, Joseph; Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Heads Up Calls Tomorrow

We definitely need to get a message to the env commrs because I was JUST wih them today. I'd propose doing that by having an email ready to go to Tracy Stone Manning and Tom Tyler that I can send as soon as we're ready to go. We can inform NACAA and AaPCA at the same time.

And can we send a note to the RAs (most of whom are at ECOS tomorrow) and the AdDs first hing in the AM close hold?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 3:10 PM, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov> wrote:

For the regions -- I mentioned on the ADDs call to stay tuned for a possible heads up, but did not offer details.

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John Millett  
Director, OAR Communications  
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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph  
**Cc:** Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole; Millett, John  
**Subject:** Heads Up Calls Tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Hi Janet/Joe,

I'm trying to figure out whether:

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I'm attaching a list that Jenny pulled together for reference.

I'm Ccing Nichole for her input as well, since OCIR may have some thoughts on this one as well.

As far as the RAs, I'm not sure we'll have materials to provide to them until tomorrow AM. If you'd like to send an informal email to them tonight and follow up in the morning with materials that might work. And then I can follow up with materials in the morning. Please let me know your preference on this one.

Thanks and safe travels to both of you.

-Andrea-

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Message

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]  
**Sent:** 4/21/2014 2:06:33 PM  
**To:** Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Noonan, Jenny [Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: RA Call TPs  
**Attachments:** OAR-RA call TPs jg\_UPDATED.docx

Added these in. Here's what I sent to Joe.

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**From:** Millett, John  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 8:58 AM  
**To:** Noonan, Jenny; Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** Fw: RA Call TPs

Fyi -- I'm 15 minutes out.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:16 PM  
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Millett, John; Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** Fw: RA Call TPs

Welcome back, Andrea. Please see below. Thanks.

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**From:** Joseph Goffman <jogoffman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:14:57 PM  
**To:** Goffman, Joseph  
**Subject:** RA Call TPs

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**Sent:** 4/21/2014 12:18:14 PM  
**To:** Noonan, Jenny [Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: RA Call TPs  
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**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:14:57 PM  
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**Sent:** 9/16/2014 2:03:30 PM  
**To:** Niebling, William [Niebling.William@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: email to RAs/ADDs/PADs

Got it. Thanks.

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**From:** Niebling, William  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:53 AM  
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** Re: email to RAs/ADDs/PADs

Janet just mentioned she'd like to include deputy ADDs as well.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 09:38  
**To:** Niebling, William  
**Subject:** RE: email to RAs/ADDs/PADs

If it's 1:15, I don't think we need to add anything. If it was earlier then thought we'd need to say it since they may have heard something from their leg. folks.

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**From:** Niebling, William  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:25 AM  
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** RE: email to RAs/ADDs/PADs

Now 115pm. But I don't see where in here to insert the update on Hill notifications...

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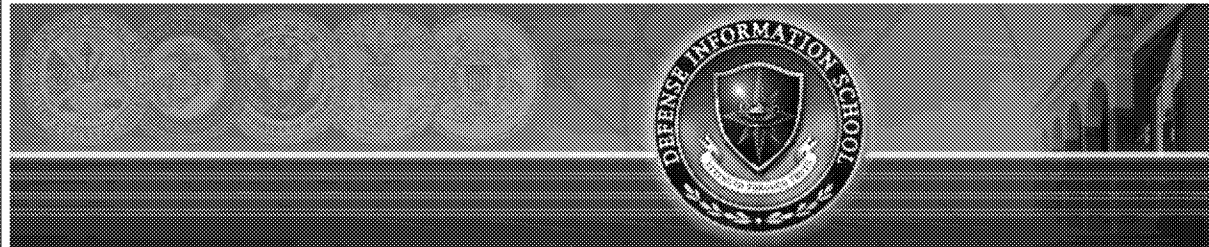
**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:17 AM  
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Millett, John  
**Cc:** Noonan, Jenny; Niebling, William  
**Subject:** email to RAs/ADDs/PADs

Janet, I wrote this as if you were sending it. I can easily edit it so that it comes from me. Let me know who you'd like to send it and if you have any edits. William, can you add the timing for the letter into the draft text below? Thanks.

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# Media Interviews One



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ATTENTION/MOTIVATION: How many of you have seen a bad interview on television? How many of you have read something on the Internet or in a newspaper and thought "I bet that person is looking for a new job." To make mistakes is human. However, as PAOs, you are professional communicators. Your skills at conducting various types of interviews will be the measure of your professionalism and success as a PAO. While you might have the best communication plan and strategy, the success of that plan often rests on your ability to execute effective interviews. Bottom line: as marksmanship is to the infantry, interviews are your fundamental skill as PAOs. Throughout this course, you will conduct a series of interviews – print, on camera, and live talk backs that are tied to the various scenarios we have been discussing. These replicate the events you will encounter as DOD public affairs officers. Master these techniques and you are well on your way to being ready to handle the fast-paced, demanding environment you will encounter after graduation.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZlqcSmkMoc> (On-Camera tips)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s4d4utuxmk> (Gen. Patreaus Live Talk-back)

# Objectives



- Prepare for media interviews
- Conduct interviews
- Brief a news media representative on interview ground rules

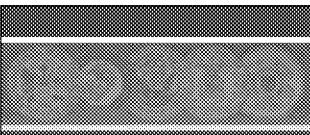
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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:


Conduct interviews

Brief a news media representative on interview/coverage ground rules

NOTE: This lesson will be measured on the on camera, print and live talk back interview exercises.



# Overview



- Interview process
- Demonstrations

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OVERVIEW:  
Interview process  
Live talk back considerations  
Demonstrations

# Interview process



- Types of interviews

- Print

- Face-to-face
    - By phone
    - In depth, more details
    - Research
    - Non-verbals



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Types of Interviews. There are various forums of interview that you will be exposed to as a PAO. For the trained PAO, each of these represents an opportunity for you to get your message to key audiences. While the media representative is the means by which you will reach your audience, it is important to note that the goal of any interview you will conduct is raising awareness within your audience members. The interviews you will be conducting at DINFOS are as follows: (ETM pp 109-114)

Print interviews. Print interviews can be done face-to-face with the reporter or through a phone call, depending on time constraints and logistics. The distinguishing factor for print interviews is the level of detail that the medium allows. As you'll recall from our "Introduction to Media Relations" class, newspapers and newsmagazines are considered the informing medium. This allows the PAO to present in depth information regarding the topic, implying an extensive amount of research needed to properly prepare. Finally, while the tendency might be to relax since you are not on camera, you must still project energy and confidence. Your non-verbal language may communicate more than your spoken word does.

# Interview process



- Types of interviews
  - On camera
    - Live or taped
    - Brevity inherent in television
  - Live talk back
    - Live video interview via satellite
    - Host in studio, guest at distant location



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On Camera interviews. These interviews may be conducted live or taped for later airing. These can also be conducted in a television studio as part of a program, however due to the nature of our organization you will find that the majority of the on camera interviews you will conduct are done on location. The distinguishing factor for on camera interviews is the brevity inherent in television news and the emotional impact of the visual medium.

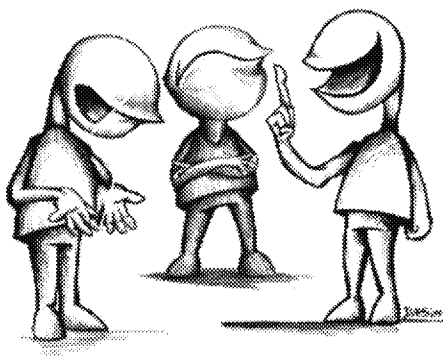
Live Talk Backs. It allows a guest or multiple guests to be interviewed via satellite by a host elsewhere from cities and towns around the world. The format was pioneered by ABC's Nightline during the 1980 Iranian hostage crisis. Since the producers of the first program were unable to get the desired guests on-set with Ted Koppel, they decided to have him interview the guests from long distance. Soon they realized this worked to the program's advantage. Today, virtually every television news operation has satellite (or live remote) interview capabilities allowing them to cover news more inexpensively and conduct interviews with people who might otherwise not have been available. Remember that you can also conduct live interviews with television stations via telephone when a video feed is not feasible. These are referred to as "phoners."

TRANSITION: Now that we've discussed the various types of interviews will conduct as a PAO, let's discuss the steps of the interview process.

# Interview process



- Initial media query
  - Get pertinent information
  - Understand request
  - Staff the query



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Steps. Regardless of the type of interview you will conduct, these steps provide an effective checklist for ensuring you are well prepared to make the most of this opportunity to communicate with your public.

Initial Query. Refer back to your "Response to Media Query" class. The same principals apply when a media representative calls to request an interview. This is where the process begins. Ensure you: (ETM pp 41, 61-63)

Get all of the pertinent information

Understand the request

Staff the query

# Interview process



- Feasibility

- Should we?

- Answerable within SAPP
    - What will we get

- Can we?

- Availability, time, risks, story balance

- Determination

- Advise commander



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Feasibility. At this point you must assess your ability to support the request. Ultimately you are asking if you and your organization CAN and SHOULD conduct the interview. (ETM pp 63)

Should We" criteria.

Answerable within SAPP?

Answerable at this level of command?

What will we get out of it is this an opportunity to put the event/story in context?

Can We" criteria.

Is someone available to be interviewed?

Is there time to properly prepare?

What are the risks if we do the interview? If we don't do the interview?

Will our comments during the interview be used to balance the story?

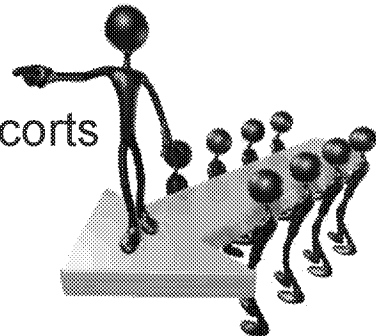
Determination. The PAO as an advisor to the commander must come to a determination on the feasibility of the interview request. Sources of guidance can be members of the staff, higher headquarters, and other PA assets related to the issue.

Remember that you might be one of several interviews the reporter is conducting regarding this issue. Coordination is critical.

# Interview process



- Planning
  - Negotiating the interview
    - Set up, date, time, location, format, duration, reporter, SME
  - Considerations
    - Media access, parking, escorts



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Planning. (OD pp 81-84, 96-97)

Once you have determined that you will support the interview request, you must begin planning for the event – in coordination with the reporter and those people related to the issue.

Negotiating the interview.

Set up.

Date/Time/Location

Format (live or taped)

Duration

Who is the reporter

Are you the best spokesperson (we will cover SME preparation later in the course)

Planning considerations.

Access. (Base clearance if on the installation)

Parking.

Escorting.

# Interview process



- Preparation
  - Facts, SME, PAG, ground rules, SAPP, background
  - Response to query, message development plan, command messages, press kit



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Preparation. (OD pp81-84, MRH pp168)

Gather the facts

Speak to the subject matter experts

Review existing PAG

Develop ground rules for interview (although we do not refer to them as ground rules during interactions with reporter they are simply guidelines.)

Review guidelines for release (SAPP)

Collect background data

Develop documents to support the interview:

Response to Query. Statement and Responses to reporters initial query.

Message development plan. Reporters questions and potential follow-ups with responses that include relevant command messages and talking points.

Command messages

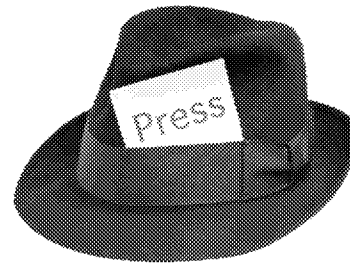
Press release/press kit

TRANSITION: Now that we've discussed the preparation involved, let's discuss the next critical step leading up to the interview rehearsal. This is where you will get to identify any pitfalls before you conduct the actual interview.

# Interview process



- Rehearsal
  - Lead with a punch, stay in your lane
  - On the record
  - Avoid acronyms, keep it simple
  - Tell the truth
  - OK to say, “I don’t know.”
  - Stay cool and confident
  - Don’t repeat the negative, respond with confidence



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Rehearsal. Once you have prepared for the interview, the most critical step is rehearsal. This is where you will be able to discover any issues and hone your ability to effectively respond to the reporter’s questions and put the story into an accurate context. (OD pp 101-109)

During rehearsal, consider the following tips and techniques of effective interviewing:

Lead with a punch – answer first question with your primary messages in mind.

Stay in your lane – ensure you are not speaking about issues that are outside of your purview, yet use the opportunity to discuss relevant topics that are in your lane.

Always “On the Record” – every comment is for attribution to you.

Avoid acronyms and military jargon.

Keep it simple – break information down as if you talking to your mother or sibling.

Tell the truth – that is fundamental to you and your unit.

It is OK to say you don’t know. Don’t speculate.

Stay cool, confident and in control.

Accentuate the positive and don’t repeat the negative.

Pause, think, and then respond with confidence.

# Interview process



- Attribution
  - On the record -- All comments attributed to your name
  - On background -- Source may be identified by position
  - Deep background -- Information not attributed to a particular source
  - Off the record -- Information not to be quoted

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Attribution. While every interview you will conduct at DINFOS is considered on the record, you must be aware of the various categories of attribution within which an interview can occur. Dependent on the level of command and other circumstances, there may be a time when interviews are not exclusively on the record. These interviews are used to raise the level of awareness of the media representative and during special circumstances that are not appropriate on the record. Understand that any interviews done outside the purview of on the record attribution are risky and dependent on a mutual trust between the interviewee and the reporter. (ETM pp 69)

On the record: All the comments may be quoted, and the name of the source identified. Example: "Col. James Smith, spokesman for Unit X, said..."

On background: The source cannot be identified by name, only by status or position. Example: "A senior commander said..."

Deep background: Reporters can use the information, but cannot attribute the information to a particular source.

Off the record: Information is not to be quoted, but is provided to help reporters understand the larger context of the story or event. (MRH pp83)

# Interview process



- Effective response

- Answer + command message = effective response

**A2Q + CM = ER**



- Tell what happened, what you're doing to fix it, and bridge to command message
- Condolences must be in the lead, smooth and sincere

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Effective responses. (ETM pp 66-78)

Remember the formula from our "Effective Responses" class:

Information + Command Message = Effective Response

In response to a crisis or accident, the formula is: Tell what happened, what you're doing to fix it, and bridge to the command message.

When relevant, condolences must be in the lead portion of the interview – must be smooth and sincere. This takes practice.

# Interview process



- Bridging
  - Verbal maneuvering from an answer to the message
  - Answers question while highlighting information relevant to command
  - Highly developed skill which allows YOU to push out YOUR information
  - **BUT YOU MUST ANSWER THE QUESTION**

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Bridging. This is the verbal maneuvering from a topic that you are not able to address to the messages you want to address. Again this takes practice. (ETM pp79-80)

"Bridging" is a powerful tool that a PAO can use to retain control of an interview. Bridging allows you to answer a reporter's question while also highlighting information relevant to your command (Command Message!). For instance, if there were no injuries in a barracks during a fire, you could talk about the importance of swift emergency response. If soldiers survived the fire unharmed because they had practiced their escape plan, you could talk about the need for all servicemembers and their families to make and practice a fire escape plan. Keep prevention or "safety first" messages closely linked to the current fire story; the more tailored the message, the more likely the media will be interested.

# Interview process



- “And what’s most important to know...”
- “That’s not my area of expertise, but what I can tell you is...”
- “With this in mind, if we look at the bigger picture...”
- “Let me put all this in perspective by saying...”

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How bridging works. Say you are asked to confirm that a plane crash was caused by engine failure, rather than simply answering yes or no, you could add, “Before we continue, let me emphasize that the U.S. Air Force strives to maintain the highest safety standards.”

“And what’s most important to know/remember is...”

“That’s not my area of expertise, but what I do know is...”

“With this in mind, if we look at the bigger picture...”

“Let me put all this in perspective by saying...”

“This is an important point because...”

“Let me point out that...”

“Another thing to remember is...”

“Before we leave the subject, let me add that...”

The “Do Over.” If you stumble over your words, ask to start again. This only works for taped interviews.

## Interim review



- What are the three types of interviews you will be conducting at DINFOS?
- Print (during the OSX), on camera, and live talk back

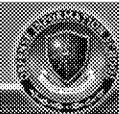
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INTERIM REVIEW:

Q: What are the three types of interviews you will be conducting at DINFOS?

A: Print, On Camera, and Live Talk Back.

## Interim review



- Which interview allows the PAO to present in-depth information regarding a topic?
- Print interview

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Q: Which interview allows the PAO to present in-depth information regarding a topic?

A: Print interview.

## Interim review



- Which of the following is not one of the four categories of attribution?
  - On the record
  - On background
  - Medium background
  - Off the record
- Medium background

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Q: Which of the following is not one of the four categories of attribution?

On the record:

On background:

Medium background:

Off the record:

A. Medium background.

## Interim review



- What is the only type of attribution you will use while conducting interviews at DINFOS?
- On the record

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Q: What is the only type of attribution you will use while conducting interviews at DINFOS?

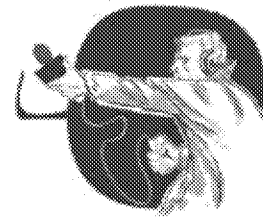
A: On the record.

TRANSITION: Now that we've talked about the various types of interviews that you'll conduct and the extensive planning and rehearsals necessary, let's discuss the final preparations and actual conduct of the interview.

# Interview process



- Final preparation
  - Beware: false facts, putting words in your mouth, false conclusions, baiting, silence
  - Record the interview
  - Avoid interruptions
  - Present details and research (print)



## Final Preparations.

As you prepare to meet the reporter, the final checks you make are critical.

Reporter tactics. Be cognizant of the tactics some reporters might use to elicit unfavorable responses. (ETM pp99-108)

False facts

Reinterpretation

Putting words in your mouth

False conclusions

Hypothetical questions

Baiting

Silence...it's amazing how quickly we want to fill it

Print Interview considerations. (ETM pp 109)

Consider recording the interview to ensure you have a copy of your comments for the record. This will assist in clarifying any misquotations or statements reported out of context.

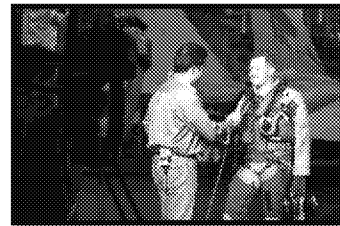
Avoid any interruptions. Turn off the phone. Ensure you don't have any previous commitments. This will disrupt your ability to deliver an effective interview.

Present details and research. You have the time (and the reporter has the expectation) to present in depth information. Look for opportunities to present visual information that could support your messages (charts, graphs, etc.).

# Interview process



- On camera
  - Allow time for set up
  - Assume the camera is always on
  - Body language
  - Look at the reporter
  - Keep responses short, think sound bites
  - Set a controlled pace



On Camera considerations. (ETM 114-123, MRH pp 169)

Select a good location by working with reporters and photographers. Ensure your background complements your message and topic of discussion. Ensure area is also free of visual and audio distractions (traffic, loud noises, high traffic area, etc...)

Allow time for camera set up.

Assume the camera is recording, even if the "red light" is not on.

Find a comfortable way to hold your hands. Putting them behind your back in the "at-ease" position makes you look stiff.

Watch the angle of your head.

Television is all about visuals. Practice in front of a mirror or a camera and watch for distracting or conflicting body language.

You look at the reporter (not the camera), except for live talk backs.

Keep responses short. Ideally 10-20 second sound bites that will be part of the story. Think of edit points in your delivery. Have you given the editor a good starting and end point in your responses that capture your answer and the "command message".

Responses should stand alone. Avoid saying, "as I mentioned earlier."

Set a controlled pace. By looking downward while you are listening to the question and gathering your thoughts for the response, you will control the pace of the interview. When you are ready to respond, look up and at the reporter, then start your response.

# Interview process



- Final checklist
  - Appearance
  - Printed materials
  - Location
  - B-roll
  - Confirm meeting time
  - Security



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## Final checklist.

Appearance. Uniform, haircut, covered/uncovered.

Printed Materials. Press releases, fact sheets, press kits, bios, etc.

Location considerations. Make sure nothing has changed since you last checked the site.

B-roll. Find out their requirements ahead of time.

Coordinate and confirm meeting time. It is a good idea to exchange cellular telephone numbers for last minute changes to the interview schedule.

Ensure security is aware that media guests will be on post (where applicable).

TRANSITION: Now that we've covered the events leading up to interview, let's discuss what happens once you actually make contact with the reporter.

# Interview process



- Pre-interview
  - Refer to grading guide
  - Reporter's prior knowledge
  - Reporter deadline
  - Provide reporter with background



Pre Interview. Refer to your grading guide and assignment instructions for print and on camera interviews in your student guide. This is the criteria we will use to evaluate your performance during these events. It all starts with your first interaction with the reporter, prior to the interview. (ETM 60-69)

Spend time discussing reporter's prior knowledge of the subject. This will set the stage for follow on discussions and alert you to any corrections of misinformation you need address. Key here is listening.

Determine the reporter's deadline. This will let you know the amount of time you have to get information back to the reporter before story is submitted for publication or airing.

Concisely bring the reporter up to date on situation, ensuring you include your command messages in the dialogue. Give the reporter a press kit that contains relevant take-away information. This will set the stage for the interview.

# Interview process



- Ground rules
- But never say “ground rules!”
  - Rules regarding media coverage of military operations and personnel
  - Meant to protect members of the Armed Forces from release of information that could threaten their security, safety, or unnecessarily disclose personal information

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Inform the reporter of the guidelines/ground rules for the interview, explaining reasoning behind guidelines.

Ground rules are rules regarding media coverage of military operations, personnel, etc. that are established as a precondition to coverage.

They are meant to protect members of the Armed Services from the release of information which could potentially threaten their security or safety during ongoing operations.

Specific ground rules will vary with each command and organization and are situation specific.

They are not written to prevent the release of information that may be derogatory, embarrassing, negative or non-complimentary.

However, there are standard ground rules that are routinely established that preclude the release or coverage of timely and/or specific operational information. Broad ground rules will often be established by a higher command and will specify what is releasable or what is not releasable. They also detail a means by which media can appeal adverse decisions regarding coverage or release.

Force size, geographic location, status, etc.

Specifics on tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)

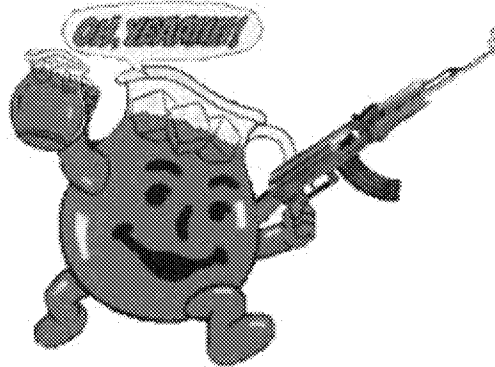
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Rules of engagement (ROE)

# Interview Process



- Drink the “DINFOS Ground Rules Kool-Aid”
  - Time, Topic, On-the-record, Attribution, SAPP



# Interview process



- The interview

- Listen, think, speak
- Understand the question
- Answer fully, truthfully and concisely
- Command message
- Maintain eye contact with reporter



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Interview. This is the moment of truth. As you can see, the amount of time you spend conducting the interview is minimal compared to the amount of time needed to prepare and rehearse. This is where your planning efforts pay off. (ETM pp 71-86) Listen, Think, then Speak.

Ensure you understand the question being asked. If not, ask the reporter to rephrase.

Answer fully, truthfully and concisely, ensuring you maintain SAPP limitations.

Include command message into your response, making sure message is relevant to question/topic.

Maintain eye contact with reporter while answering the question, being cognizant of your non-verbal communication.

# Interview process



- Post interview
  - Reaffirm command message
  - Were reporters needs met
  - Confirm broadcast time or publication date
  - Provide contact information
  - Summarize command position



Post Interview. This is your opportunity to reaffirm the messages you delivered during your interview. At this time, the reporter is beginning to assess the information you gave him and formulating the final story. You have a final opportunity to influence his understanding of the topic. (OD pp 84)

Ask reporter if needs were met, take notes and coordinate follow-on actions.

Confirm the broadcast time or publication date. You will need this info in order record and assess coverage.

Contact information should be located in your press kit for reporter use following interview. Remind the reporter.

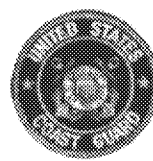
Leave reporter with a summary of your command's position on topic. This will resonate with reporter as they begin compiling story.

TRANSITION: Now that we've looked at the entire interview process, your job as a PAO is not over yet. Let's discuss the actions you must take after the interview process.

# Interview process



- Assessment
  - Did your command messages come across
  - Did you fully answer the questions
  - Did you correctly predict the questions
  - Were there any errors in fact



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Assessment. After the story has aired or has been published, you must assess the impact of your interview. Review the final product with a focus on the following: (OD pp100-102)

Did your command messages come across?

Did you fully answer the questions?

Did you correctly predict the questions?

Were there any errors in fact? How will you address them?

## Interview process



- Don't ask to review the story in advance
- Don't tell reporters 30-60 seconds isn't enough time to tell your story
- Don't tell reporter you will provide written answers if he/she provides questions
- Don't ask keep comments off the record

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### Interview "No-Nos". (OD pp115-116)

Don't ask if you can review the story in advance. Most professional reporters will deny your request, much as you would deny a request to view your planning products before they are cleared for release. You must trust that your efforts to include your messages throughout the interview have adequately and accurately portrayed your story. If mistakes occur, address them after publication.

Do not tell broadcast reporters you think 30 to 60 seconds is too short a time to tell your story adequately. They are no more satisfied with the time constraints they work under than you are. Only 21 or 22 minutes of a half-hour network television news program are devoted to news; the rest is commercials.

Do not tell a reporter you will provide written answers to questions if he/she will send them to you. The media is not in the business of taking dictation. That type of exchange probably is too time-consuming to meet the news deadlines. In any case, it will make the reporters think you are hiding something because you will not talk face to face. Interviews are opportunities to put your story into context. This is difficult to do via email.

Do not ask to keep your comments off the record. Remember that the sole reason a reporter is interviewing you is literally for the record – that is, to write and produce a story for publication or airing. Editors are adamant that reporters identify their sources in all but the most unusual circumstances. As we mentioned earlier, all your DINFOS interviews will be on the record.

## Interim review



- True or False? One of the considerations you must take into account for on-camera interviews is location.
- True

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INTERIM REVIEW:

Q: True or False? One of the considerations you must take into account for on camera interviews is location.

A: True.



- What action is not part of the pre-interview phase?
  - Spend time discussing reporter's prior knowledge of the subject
  - Determine the reporter's deadline
  - Ask the reporter what the topic will be
  - Inform the reporter of the guidelines (ground rules) for the interview
- Ask the reporter what the topic will be

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Q: What action is not part of the Pre Interview phase?  
Spend time discussing reporter's prior knowledge of the subject.  
Determine the reporter's DEADLINE.  
Ask the reporter what the topic will be.  
Inform the reporter of the guidelines (ground rules) for the interview.

A: Ask the reporter what the topic will be

## Interim review



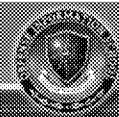
- True or False. It is good practice to ask reporters for an advance copy of their story?
- False

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Q: True or False. It is good practice to ask reporters for an advance copy of their story?

A: False.

TRANSITION: As you can see, preparation is the key to any interview. Still, live interviews carry a special set of considerations that PAOs must take into account. Let's talk about the live talk back.



- On camera/Print



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## Demonstrations.

**INSTRUCTOR NOTE:** For this class period, provide a demonstration of the print, on camera and live talk back interviews. Have students follow along using the respective grading guide as a reference (found in their student handbook). After each demonstration, break up students into small groups and have them rehearse the process of each interview. Focus is on the process, not necessarily the content. Provide feedback and make corrections as necessary. Once you have 10 minutes left in the class period, have students take their seats and prepare for final review.

## Live talk-back considerations

- Most common in deployed environment
- Opportunity to connect with audience
- Lack of non-verbal feedback

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Live Talk Back Considerations. Live talk backs are one of the most common types of interviews you will be conducting in a deployed environment. (OD pp 116-117)

Pros and Cons.

From the interviewee's point of view, satellite interviews are timesaving and efficient. A crew will often come to your location. When a crew shows up they will have everything they need: including a truck, lights and a camera.

At worst you might have to go to a local studio or bureau. Sometimes you might be the only person in the room, with everything else being handled remotely from the TV studio. Here in Washington it's pretty common...and many stations around the United States have access to a remote studio in DC. There are also live drops at the Capitol at both the House and the Senate.

A great benefit of the live talk-back format is that it's the ONLY one in which the interviewee looks directly at his audience. Because you look directly into the camera it gives you a great opportunity to "connect" with the audience.

Live talk-backs are loved and hated for the same reason, the lack of non-verbal feedback from the host and other guests. Some people prefer this because they feel they are better able to concentrate by focusing solely on the camera and the questions. Others find it odd to be managing and gauging the interview by sound alone. This is especially challenging when you are but ONE of multiple guests.

# Live talk-back considerations

- Setting and technology
  - Everything is on the record
  - IFB – interruptible feedback earpiece
  - Microphone
  - Monitor
  - Eye contact

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## The Setting and Technology.

As mentioned before, one of the main reasons for TV stations to use this type of interview is the ease and lower expense and it gives them more “bang” for their buck. There are some things you’re in control of and things you need to be aware of. Whether you are interviewed from your office, a local bureau of a cable channel or network or from the sands of Iraq, be aware that the minute you step in front of the camera or near a microphone, everything is on the record, even if the interview hasn’t started. It’s entirely possible your microphone might accidentally be opened or an engineer could inadvertently flip a switch beaming you out around the world...although this is very difficult to do. The rule of thumb is it’s all on the record until you see “the tail lights of the satellite truck driving away.”

IFB: “Interruptible feedback” This piece of equipment, otherwise known as the earpiece, is one of two pieces needed by the guest to do an interview. The other is a lavalier or wireless microphone. The IFB is how you hear questions and comments going out over the air. This is also how you’ll hear the producer, as they get ready to come to you.

If, as the guest, you are asked if you’d like a monitor so you can see the host and other guests during the interview...we suggest turning it down. It’s useful if you’re looking at b-roll to explain something i.e.: a football game etc...but for just an interview it’s a distraction that may cause you to start looking at the monitor and not at your audience.

It is critical that almost 100 percent of one’s eye contact be in the center of the lens. For many people the natural reaction is to look up or down as they listen to a question or other guest. THAT IS NOT A LUXURY IN THE SATELLITE INTERVIEW. The camera might be on you at any time....always look into the center of the lens.

# Live talk-back considerations



- Greeting and closing
  - Assume you're always on camera
  - Appropriate facial expression
  - Greet host
  - Thank host

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## Greeting and Closing.

The most common mistake interviewees make is to believe they are not on camera until introduced. The result is that the audience has been looking at the guest for several seconds...ALREADY MAKING JUDGMENTS about their credibility and likeability. REMEMBER: viewers come to some conclusions about you in less than 10 seconds.

The moment you hear the host speaking, regardless of what they're saying, assume you're on-camera. That means you need to have a smile on your face before the camera comes to you. Even if the subject matter involves causalities or is troubling, greet the audience affirmatively. If a smile is not appropriate, still nod and respond with, "Thank you for having me on your program," or "thank you for allowing me to talk with your viewers." The first impression should be that you want to be there. When the interview ends, thank the host for the opportunity to have been there. Assume the interview is over when you get an "all clear" message in your ear or from the field producer/camera person.

# Live talk-back considerations



- Tips for success
  - Every question counts
  - Build rapport with crew
  - Provide b-roll and graphics
  - Get comfortable with IFB
  - Listen closely for cues

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## Tips for success.

Interviews on a magazine program on MSNBC or CNN might run about four minutes. It's rare that a satellite interview within a local news broadcast will last more than two minutes. **EVERY QUESTION COUNTS!** Respond to each question and bridge to your command message often, using examples, anecdotes and stories to give your message life and credibility. (OD pp 101-110)

Build rapport with the crew. In the old days a live shot involved a camera operator, a technician to handle lights and sound and a field producer. Today competitive pressures and improvements in technology mean that you may face only one person to handle the set up and operation of the camera AND run the truck (if it's a microwave truck). Ask whomever is running the shot on your end to give you a clear signal when you're off the air.

Provide B-roll and graphics...many times stations will show b-roll during your interview. Most of the time they have their own...but it's a nice gesture to offer yours. If you're speaking on something technical and you think your graphics would aid understanding, make sure you offer those as well.

Get comfortable with the IFB. Make certain your IFB is secure in your ear and that you can hear the producer, host or anchor.

Let someone (on site tech/producer etc) know ASAP if you're having trouble hearing and they can adjust the volume.

Listen closely! Usually the reporter or anchor will precede your interview with a voice over/voice over sound on tape (VO/VOSOT) or package (PKG.) Ask to listen to your lead-in through the IFB so you know what came before you. Minor inaccuracies are usually not worth correcting on the air (your time is limited). However, it is okay to offer a correction if needed after answering your first question.

# Live talk-back considerations



- Tips for success
  - Listen closely to each question
  - Look directly into the camera
  - Assume the camera is always on
  - Consider backdrop

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Listen closely to each question and comment and find ways to “bridge” to your command messages.

Look directly into the camera. It's your responsibility to build rapport with the audience through the lens of the camera. Put other distractions out of your mind (raccoons and shiny things....) and emote into the camera. Sit up straight, don't swivel or lean, avoid tilting your head and use gestures to engage the audience.

The camera is always on! Assume the camera is always recording both sound and visuals. You're always on, so maintain your composure and smile if appropriate. Avoid scratching and fiddling and be careful about pre-program chatter with techs.

Consider your backdrop. Be aware of the setting for your interview. While the field crew or producer make the final decision, feel free to suggest a backdrop or setting that supports your message or puts you in a positive environment. If you're at the scene of an emergency...expect to be interviewed in front of the emergency equipment or the accident itself.

## Live talk-back considerations



- Post interview
  - Interviews are always recorded at station
  - Interviews can be replayed later

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### Post Interview.

Just because the live shot is over doesn't mean it's disappeared into TV history. The interview is always recorded at the station. Now it can, and usually will, be used in other forms. For example, you may do a live talk-back for the noon show, and then you see a clip on the 5 p.m. newscast or maybe another used in a package in the late evening news.

It can be put into replay...many cable channels do a "live" newscast and then it replays until they do another one. Live interviews, like almost everything else in TV news...are always taped. Whether or not they're saved is another story.

# Live talk-back considerations

- Exercise
  - Field producer will meet you when you enter the room
  - You will be directly facing the camera
  - Time check
  - Assume you are “live”

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Live talk back exercise. You will conduct a live talk back later in the course as part of one of your scenarios. The exercise mimics the satellite interviews you will conduct in the field. Reference the live talk back grading guide in your student handbook. Pre Interview Events. (OD pp 99-100)

Once you enter the room, you will meet the “field producer” who will stage you in front of the camera. You will be connected to the studio producer and anchor via satellite (simulated by speaker phone) approximately 1 minute prior to the live broadcast time assigned by your instructor.

Unlike the on camera exercise, you will be directly facing the camera.

You will receive a time check at :30 seconds, then a countdown :05 seconds.

Assume you are live on air from the second you are in front of the camera.

# Live talk-back considerations

- Interview process
  - Listen, think, speak
  - Answer fully, truthfully and concisely
  - Command message
  - Maintain eye contact
  - Thank anchor for opportunity

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Interview Process. (ETM pp116-117)

As always, Listen, Think, then Speak.

Ensure you understand the question being asked.

Answer fully, truthfully and concisely, ensuring you maintain SAPP limitations.

Include command message into your response, making sure message is relevant to question/topic.

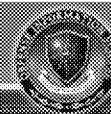
Concise responses are key, rehearse delivering 10 – 20 second “packages” of information and command messages.

Maintain eye contact with the camera, being cognizant of your non-verbal communication.

After the “studio anchor’s” final question (there should be 5 in all), he will thank you for joining the program and bid you farewell. Return the gratitude and wait for the clear sign from the “field producer.”

TRANSITION: We have discussed the various aspects of the three types of interviews you will conduct while at DINFOS – print, on camera, and live talk backs. Now you’ll see a demonstration of each and have an opportunity to practice them in your small groups.

## Final review



- What are the three types of interviews you will be conducting at DINFOS?
- On camera, live talk back, and print (during the OSX)

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FINAL REVIEW:

Q: What are the three types of interviews you will be conducting at DINFOS?

A: Print, On Camera, and Live Talk Back.

## Final review



- Which interview allows the PAO to present in-depth information regarding a topic?
- Print interview

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Q: Which interview allows the PAO to present in-depth information regarding a topic?

A: Print interview.



- What action is not part of the pre-interview phase?
  - Discussing reporter's prior knowledge
  - Determine the reporter's deadline
  - Ask the reporter what the topic will be
  - Inform the reporter of the guidelines (ground rules) for the interview
- Ask the reporter what the topic will be

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A: Ask the reporter what the topic will be

## Final review



- True or False. It's good practice to ask reporters for an advance copy of their story?
- False

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Q: True or False. It is good practice to ask reporters for an advance copy of their story?

A: False.

TRANSITION: As you can see, preparation is the key to any interview. Still, live interviews carry a special set of considerations that PAOs must take into account. Let's talk about the live talk back.

## Final review



- True or False? Once the reporter thanks the interviewee, the interview is considered over and the PAO can then relax.
- False

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Q: True or False. Once the reporter thanks the interviewee, the interview is considered over and the PAO can then relax?

A: False. The camera is always on!!!!

We've covered a lot of material, are there any questions?

# Objective



- Prepare for media interviews
- Conduct interviews
- Brief a news media representative on interview ground rules

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Conduct interviews

Brief a news media representative on interview/coverage ground rules

NOTE: This lesson will be measured on the on camera, print and live talk back interview exercises.

Message

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Hi Nancy,

I've included draft senior leadership notes below.

Thank you,  
Marilyn

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 4, 2013

Paste Text in Body of Email and Send as non-forwardable email.

Have Nancy or Stephen review DRAFT before you send notes out.

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Attachments:** Cabinet Report Guidance April 22 2013.doc

**Importance:** High

Hi Team,

Here are some updates on reporting:

- No more policy calendar
- Regions should flag an item to ORO that will be completed no later than 11 AM the day before it goes (even if already reported in the week's report). For example, if an item is going to be completed on Tuesday, special assistants need to flag for the front office no later than 11 AM on Monday. Also, as each item from your region is signed or goes public please notify ORO, who will then notify the front office. This also applies to items originally submitted with tentative dates.
- Continue to use the ORO box for Cabinet report submissions

See note below as there are changes to the cabinet report (also known as administrator's report).

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**Cc:** Thompson, Diane  
**Subject:** Updated Cabinet Report Guidance and Policy Calendar

As Diane said early today, as of this week the policy calendar will no longer be compiled. However, please continue to report items that would be included in the policy calendar in the 30-60 day section of the weekly report as you always have. Your diligence is appreciated.

I have attached an updated guidance on the cabinet report. This guidance includes language noting that, via the special assistants should flag an item will be completed no later than 11 AM the day before it goes (this includes items which were already reported in the cabinet report). For example, if an item is going to be completed on Tuesday, special assistants need to flag for the front office no later than 11 AM on Monday. Also, as each item from your program office or region is signed or goes public, program offices should please notify your special assistant, who will then notify the front office.

Thank you,

--Jon

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**From:** Millett, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 6:05 PM  
**To:** Mitchell, Ken; Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** Fw: 111D Planning

Fyi. Note to the pads.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** Purchia, Liz <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 6:01 PM  
**To:** PADs and Alternates  
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea; Millett, John; Bond, Brian; Ragland, Micah; Johnson, Alisha; Reynolds, Thomas; Lee, Monica; Allen, Laura; Hull, George; Milbourn, Cathy  
**Subject:** 111D Planning

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Hi All,  
Hope you're doing well and getting ready for the long weekend. With June 2 fast approach, we wanted to give everyone an update on the press and public engagement side. A lot of the details surrounding the announcement are still being

finalized and you can expect to hear back from us again early next week about setting up a call to walkthrough things. Please read through and let us know if you have questions or feedback.

#### **OPA**

The day of the announcement, I will be point on media inquiries working very closely with John Millett and Andrea Drinkard in OAR. Cathy Milbourn will be point from OMR. Please forward all media inquiries you receive our way.

Jessica, Monica and Laura will be leading all social media activities related to the announcement.

Some of the materials in the works include the press release, talking points, whiteboard, Facetweets, webpage with a number of helpful fact sheets. I know that OAR has been in touch already on the regional efforts after the announcement takes place.

Just as a reminder, we know there is a ton of speculation happening between now and the release of the proposed rule, but until then, all it is is speculation. Details about the plan won't be available until June 2. Please keep any information on 111D completely close hold and send any inquiries my way.

#### **OPE**

The Office of Public Engagement (OPE) is working with the White House. Through the Climate Action Campaign (CAC) there will be a series of climate change amplification events taking place in several states throughout the month of June. There will be opportunities for EPA regional offices, cabinet officials and White House staffers to participate in these events and use them as mediums to amplify 111(d). We will share this event list with you once the calendar has been finalized.

Additionally, OPE is requesting that RAs and PADs begin the process of working with their local traditional and non-traditional partners in requesting that they author statements of support, sponsor events and conduct social media activities (Twitter, Facebook & Instagram) that:

- Highlight the benefits of 111(d); and/or
- Highlight the need to address the issue of climate change

Key non-traditional audiences that should be targeted include:

- Faith Leaders
- Business Leaders
- Doctors/Public Health Officials
- Community Leaders
- Local and Regional Minority Organizations

Thanks,  
OPA and OPE

Liz Purchia  
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Message

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**From:** Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/28/2014 6:34:45 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Bottled Water Tampering Case

Will keep you posted

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Dave Deegan  
U.S. EPA, New England Region  
Office of Public Affairs  
(617) 918-1017  
deegan.dave@epa.gov

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:14:16 PM  
**To:** Deegan, Dave  
**Subject:** Fw: Possible Bottled Water Tampering Case

Should you let ed coletta know we are looped in and see if they have a press strategy? Thx ng

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**From:** Downing, Jane  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 12:16:01 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Moraff, Kenneth; Gauthier, John; Deegan, Dave; Jerison, Joanna  
**Cc:** Philbrook, Peter; Johnson, Arthur; Sangiovanni, Anne; Maxfield, Robert; McClelland, Maureen; Spalding, Curt; Szaro, Deb; Tucker, Carol; Barry, Michael  
**Subject:** Possible Bottled Water Tampering Case

Enforcement Confidential -

**Ex. 5 AC/AWP**

# Ex. 5 AC/AWP

More to come – please keep all informed if new info becomes available.

Call if any questions/concerns

Have a good day  
Jane

**From:** Spalding, Curt [Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/6/2015 9:00:08 PM  
**To:** Perkins, Stephen [Perkins.Stephen@epa.gov]; Szaro, Deb [Szaro.Deb@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth [Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold: Preview of Gov Shumlin's State of the State remarks

Thanks Stephen – Once a clearer picture emerges, I will share with the Administrator.

- Curt

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**From:** Perkins, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:26 PM  
**To:** Spalding, Curt; Szaro, Deb; Grantham, Nancy; Moraff, Kenneth; Hamjian, Lynne  
**Subject:** Close Hold: Preview of Gov Shumlin's State of the State remarks

David Mears called me to give us a little advance on what Governor Shumlin will mention re Lake Champlain in his State-of-the-State speech on Thursday in the event we are asked for reaction. This is a very close hold until then.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** It's not clear to me how much of the funding detail will be in his speech vs what will appear in his proposed budget which will be released on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

They expect the pushback to come from the business community which will bear the brunt of the impervious cover fee – it won't be broadly based – and from the farming community. David thinks there is broad support in the legislature for action related to the lake.

I am pretty encouraged by what I heard (although I am surely guilty of having lowered my expectations re what the Gov would do). This fits with the direction and themes of the implementation plan they sent us last May. While this only gives us a sense of year one, it's a credible start.

If we get calls for reaction, my instincts are to **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** I will be out on Friday. I can probably field a reporter call after 1 or 1:30. A brief desk statement may do the trick with the promise of more reax once we see the budget.

I reminded David of his earlier statement that the demise of the single payer health plan would be the best thing that could happen for Lake Champlain. He laughed and said it has surely put more oxygen in the room.



**From:** Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]  
**Sent:** 3/12/2013 11:30:28 AM  
**To:** Renahan, Kate [Renahan.Kate@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed items for the Reporting Call with Regional PADS tomorrow  
**Attachments:** FINAL PADS meeting on reporting final presentation 2.5.2013.ppt; Cabinet Report Guidance DRAFT 1.30.2013.doc

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**From:** Monger, Jon  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 8:35 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan  
**Subject:** Proposed items for the Reporting Call with Regional PADS tomorrow

Nancy, Dan, Denise:

Attached is an agenda for the call tomorrow- not for distribution but for situational awareness for all of us. Many thanks to Kelley for pulling this together.

### Agenda

1. R1 – Kick off Call
  2. Reports: Cabinet Report, Supplemental, 90 Day Travel, and Policy Calendar
  3. General rules
  4. Policy, Press, Other (Slide 8)
  5. Q&A
  6. Travel (Slide 7)
  7. Q&A
  8. Conclude
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1. Welcome and why R1 requested call, note the Agenda items, then intro Jon and Kelley
  2. J/K- Explain that the following guidance will apply to the Cabinet Report, Supplemental, 90 Day Travel, and Policy Calendar
  3. J/K- General rules
    - a. J/K + R1- Encourage all PADS to review information before sending the EPA HQ
    - b. J/K + ORO- Write all entries with the assumption that they be able to stand alone
    - c. Write all entries for an audience not familiar with EPA or a science background
      - i. Include the who, what, when, where, why basics (to be further discussed shortly)
      - ii. Properly introduce or explain all Acrynonms and jargon
    - d. Follow the style and formatting guidelines in the cabinet report guidance for all blurbs
    - e. We understand things change but please ensure that reported dates are as accurate as possible
    - f. Make sure to include 30-60 items that cover big policy, press, and other announcements
    - g. Include major permits and enforcement confidential items for the Supplemental Report (internal share only)
  4. J/K- Policy, Press, Other (Slide 8)
    - a. Follow format from slide 8

- b. Note that we rarely see all 7 pieces in any blurb that is submitted and flag that this spurs many extra questions and staff time expenditures
  - c. Give reason why we are asking for each item 1-7
  - d. Flag importance of PADS reviewing this info before submission and reco compare to policy calendar
5. J/K- Ask for any questions on Policy, Press, Other (Slide 8)
6. J/K- Travel (Slide 7)
  - a. Follow format from slide 7
  - b. Note that we rarely see all 7 pieces in any travel blurb that is submitted and flag that this spurs many extra questions and staff time expenditures
  - c. Give reason why we are asking for each item 1-7
  - d. Flag importance of PADS reviewing this info before submission and reco compare to cab report for 1 week of overlap.
7. J/K- Ask for any questions on Travel (Slide 7)
8. Conclude-
  - a. Thank you all for calling in and asking questions
  - b. Stress following the guidelines, stand alone entries, and assume no prior knowledge of science or EPA when writing for report
  - c. Please ask any further questions of us via ORO
  - d. Thank you

**NOTES:** Still need to finalize travel report guidance, also Denise can you ask R1 to send out a calendar invite to all of us for this call tomorrow?

Kelley Smith  
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Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]  
**Sent:** 3/26/2014 7:11:21 PM  
**To:** Spalding, Curt [Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Champlain '16 budget

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**From:** Hamjian, Lynne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 2:55 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Moraff, Kenneth  
**Cc:** Perkins, Stephen  
**Subject:** Fw: Champlain '16 budget

Nancy,

Curt wanted to see this proposal and it relates to the Administrator's call. Can you share this with Curt and we can discuss this a bit at 4. Thanks.

Lynne

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**From:** Kenyon, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 5:28:00 PM  
**To:** Moraff, Kenneth  
**Cc:** McGuire, Karen; Hamjian, Lynne  
**Subject:** RE: '16 budget

Yes, it did go down to OCFO. In truth, all the regions had trouble interpreting what OCFO was really asking for, so we were not sure that they actually wanted specific program requests like this or whether they were looking for more systematic recommendations on the way we budget (e.g., increased flexibility on PRCs). But we sent your proposal along with a recommendation on a better process for allowing regions to shift resources to higher priority PRCs.

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**From:** Moraff, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 4:56 PM  
**To:** Kenyon, Michael  
**Cc:** McGuire, Karen; Hamjian, Lynne  
**Subject:** '16 budget

Mike – do you know if this issue went down to HQ?

Ken

**From:** Moraff, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Doucette, Judi; Dierker, Carl; Studlien, Susan; Weeks, Frederick; Maxfield, Robert; Owens, James T.; Wells, Sharon  
**Cc:** Kenyon, Michael; Szaro, Deb; Spalding, Curt; Grantham, Nancy; Perkins, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: FY 16 Budget Action due no later than Tuesday, March 18 - EMBARGO/CLOSE HOLD

OEP's nomination:

# Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** Doucette, Judi

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 4:19 PM

**To:** Dierker, Carl; Studlien, Susan; Weeks, Frederick; Maxfield, Robert; Moraff, Kenneth; Owens, James T.; Wells, Sharon

**Cc:** Kenyon, Michael; Szaro, Deb; Spalding, Curt; Grantham, Nancy; Perkins, Stephen

**Subject:** FY 16 Budget Action due no later than Tuesday, March 18 - EMBARGO/CLOSE HOLD

The FY 16 Budget Process has begun, and HQ is asking each region to submit 1 or 2 topic areas for consideration (actually request below). Can each OD submit at least 1 topic for consideration with a short rationale to Mike and me so we can work with Deb and Curt to figure out what we will be submitting for the region, early submissions appreciated, but if we can have these no later than Tuesday it will give us enough time to meet the HQ deadline. Thanks as always the budget will remain embargo until the President releases which will be next February 2015, but this is will be the opening of several short turn around assignments coming out as the Agency Develops the FY 2016 budget.

Also, we expect to examine the investments we have made in FY 2014 and 2015 and consider the next chapter of work necessary to ensure continued, tangible progress to advance the Administrator's priorities. To help shape the agenda for the meeting, we would like each NPM and region to provide 1 or 2 topic areas for consideration, with a short rationale. These ideas should be in keeping with the concept of early analysis to inform the budget process. Also feel free to suggest an approach to address your topic, e.g., workgroup, targeted assignments, etc..

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/9/2013 2:34:33 PM  
**To:** Dumville, Kelsey [Dumville.Kelsey@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Curt Spalding [Spalding.CurtLNDU@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]; Ira Leighton [Leighton.IraLNDU@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]  
**Subject:** Close Hold until next week Fw: Talking Points for Millbrook Cold Storage

FYI -- this facility (we had briefing right before the holiday) -- is opting to shut down voluntarily.

They need time to notify their customers and employees.

We should talk about outreach to the mayors of cambridge and somerville next week -- as well as the congressional members (may have jobs impact).

thanks much

----- Forwarded by Nancy Grantham/R1/USEPA/US on 01/09/2013 09:27 AM -----

**From:** MaryJane Odonnell/R1/USEPA/US  
**To:** Nancy Grantham@EPA,  
**Cc:** Catherine Smith@EPA, Len Wallace/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, LauraJ Berry/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, KAREN MCGUIRE, Susan Studlien@EPA, Samuel Silverman/R1/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 01/08/2013 03:40 PM  
**Subject:** Talking Points for Millbrook Cold Storage

It is my understanding that you had a conversation with Catherine Smith earlier today about the shutdown of Millbrook Cold Storage. In the event that we receive any press or public inquiries about this matter, please see the following talking points that we have prepared. Catherine or I are available for follow-up if needed.

On December 13, 2012 EPA inspectors visited Millbrook Cold Storage, Inc. at 9 Medford Street, Somerville, MA to assess the company's compliance with the chemical accident prevention provisions of the Clean Air Act.

The facility is located in a congested area of Somerville, next to a retail shopping center, several residential homes, and an assisted-living high-rise.

The company's refrigeration system contains anhydrous ammonia, which the Clean Air Act designates as an extremely hazardous substance. Ammonia is a toxic substance that is very corrosive to human tissue upon exposure. It can cause chemical-type burns to skin, eyes, and lungs. Released ammonia can form a dense, visible, white cloud which travels along the ground. Concentrations of 300-500 parts per million are immediately dangerous to life and death. Ammonia is also flammable and can be ignited by something as common as the electric flash from a switch.

EPA inspected the facility because it had been identified as a high risk facility due to the amount of ammonia in the refrigeration system and the potential off-site consequences of a release.

The EPA inspectors found many dangerous conditions at the facility, including corroding piping and valves; piping in the freezer rooms covered in dangerous amounts of ice; valves covered in so

much ice that they cannot be accessed, inspected, or used; no qualified operator to run or maintain the system; stairways almost blocked by ice; and little documentation to explain how the system worked.

As a result, EPA was concerned about the risk of an ammonia release from the facility. EPA was also concerned about the company's ability to minimize the harm associated with a release should one occur.

Accordingly, on December 21, 2012, EPA issued an Administrative Order to require the company to hire a refrigeration expert to systematically review the hazards associated with the refrigeration system and recommend steps to address those hazards. In the cover letter to this Order, EPA also notified the company of the many dangerous conditions that it found during the inspection. EPA coordinated with OSHA and the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau, which conducted their own inspections of the facility. They also had significant safety concerns.

On December 27, 2012, EPA met with the company, OSHA, the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau, the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance to discuss EPA's Order and to coordinate with the other agencies.

On January 7, 2013, the company informed EPA that it plans to shut down the facility. **[NOTE THAT THE COMPANY HAS ASKED THAT WE KEEP THIS FACT CONFIDENTIAL FOR A FEW DAYS SO THAT IT CAN INFORM ITS CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES BEFORE THE NEWS GOES PUBLIC.]**

EPA has urged the company to retain a refrigeration expert to help with the shutdown procedures. EPA will coordinate with the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau regarding shutdown procedures.

**To:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=881C62B1E54142388C1DE2F8E3799C33-GRAY, DAVID]  
**Sent:** Wed 11/22/2017 11:21:18 AM (UTC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Date:** November 22, 2017 at 3:32:34 AM CST  
**To:** "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, "Durant, Jennah" <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

David, the reporter has follow-up below. Robert will handle as I am out today.

**Follow-up:**  
**"Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down (over what period, and in Louisiana as a whole or certain parts of the state?)"**

- Also, she is asking for attribution beyond an "EPA spokesperson." Would you like to use your name — or prefer to have a political here use his/her name?

On Nov 21, 2017, at 3:04 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:10 AM  
**To:** Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

OAQPS said y'all are better equipped to answer the first question:

**Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why?**

Can you help?

They are working on the first. DDL is COB today.  
On Nov 21, 2017, at 8:32 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Susan Buchanan [mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com]

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:30 AM

**To:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>; Durant, Jennah <[Durant.Jennah@epa.gov](mailto:Durant.Jennah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Good day! I just called her. Do you happen to have her email?

**Resent-From:** <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**From:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Date:** November 21, 2017 at 8:25:57 AM EST

**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Told region that we would handle at [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) thanksng

Nancy Grantham  
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202-564-6879 (desk)  
202-253-7056 (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 8:24 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Reporter is following up. Do we want to comment? Since it is NAACP - I think it should be a national response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

You will want to handle this one on the NAACP report. Let me know.  
David

EPA Region 6

Ms. Durant and Mr. Hubbard,

I hope you're well and having a good fall.

I've been assigned to write a story for "The Louisiana Weekly" about a recently released "Fumes Across the Fence Line" report from the NAACP and CATF.

[http://www.naACP.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line\\_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf](http://www.naACP.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf)

It says: "More than 1 million African Americans live within a ½ mile of existing oil and gas facilities, and the number is growing every year. Many African Americans are particularly burdened with health impacts from this air pollution due to high levels of poverty. The air in many African Americans communities violates air quality standards for ozone smog. Rates of asthma are relatively high in African American communities."

I was wondering if you could help with these questions: Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why? Is exposure to oil-and-gas pollution among African Americans in Louisiana increasing or declining?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Buchanan  
New Orleans, La.  
504-309-2817

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 8:05:14 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Dr. Mielke,

I appreciate your help  
and

apologize for bothering you so  
much. Could you

possibly

take

a last look at the comments  
below?

Thank you, Susan

Buchanan

Playground toxins addressed on  
a

variety of fronts

Howard Mielke,

Tulane chemistry research  
professor with

the Tulane-Xavier Center for

Environmental  
Research,

said

that arsenic and chromium  
leached into soils in  
city

playgrounds for decades from  
swing sets and other

equipment,

like tables, benches and  
fences, built from lumber

treated

with chromated copper arsenate  
or CCA. Wood

preservative

CCA

is used in warm, humid

climates to keep fungi and  
termites at

bay. The Environmental  
Protection Agency

banned CCA as a preservative  
for most woods in  
2004,

however.

In a study released in January,  
Mielke and

researchers at Xavier and other  
universities found

that

in

38 play areas surveyed in New  
Orleans during the

summer of 2008, 14 or nearly  
37% had CCA-treated

wood. Researchers recommended  
that CCA-treated  
wood

be

coated with sealant and  
rigorously

maintained and that it be  
replaced eventually  
with

safer materials. Soil near  
CCA-treated wood in

playgrounds

should be replaced too, they  
said, since the  
presence

of

arsenic is hazardous to  
children given their

hand-to-mouth

habits.

In recent

years, much of the city's old  
playground

equipment

has

been removed and replaced,  
mainly by donated

equipment

from

the Kaboom foundation, Mielke  
and RSD school

officials

said.

Lead dust from gasoline

and paint has long been an  
invisible problem in

playground

soils in New Orleans and other

American cities,

Mielke

said.

Lead has been federally banned  
from gasoline since

1996

but

remains distributed in city  
soils, he

noted.

In a study

released in April, Mielke and  
other researchers at

Tulane

and Colorado State University  
found that many

sections

of

New Orleans had lower levels of  
lead than they did

prior

to

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,  
however. After those

2005

hurricanes, soil lead levels  
dropped in 29 of 46

census

tracts studied in New Orleans  
because

land

was

covered with sediment carried  
in by flood

water. The lead

contamination may reappear  
with time.

The important point is that  
the

declines in soil lead

levels correlated with  
reductions in blood lead

levels

in

children. Median blood lead  
level in children fell

33%

from

pre-to-post Katrina  
surveillance data. The lowest

blood

lead

levels among the city's  
children were found in

those

born after the 2005 hurricanes.  
These results

support a proactive program for  
soil

remediation.

Mielke said

rubber mats are used in many of  
the city's

playgrounds

now to prevent kids from  
contacting soil. City

children

are

still exposed to potentially  
damaging levels of

arsenic

and

lead, however. Mielke said from his perspective,

arsenic in CCA-treated wood and its

leaching into soils in New Orleans playgrounds is

another serious threat along with

lead in soil at this

point.

Mielke

said “soil in playgrounds  
should be  
systematically

remediated, and that is  
possible by using  
sediments

carried

by the Mississippi River, which  
are available from

spillways

and areas outside the city.  
River sediments are

extraordinarily clean compared  
to soils

in

the metro area.”  
Tulane-Xavier environmental

researchers support the launch  
of

a New Orleans program similar

to Norway's  
National

Clean

Soil Program for mapping and  
remediating polluted

soils

in

outdoor play areas at childcare  
centers,  
elementary

schools and playgrounds. end

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:55:20 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Thank you for the paper, Dr.  
Mielke.

Are you saying arsenic  
in playground soils is a

bigger

problem today than lead in  
soil?

From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:37:54 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Yes.

From my perspective, As in CCA  
treated wood and  
its

leaching into the soils around  
wood a playgrounds

appears

to

be a much more important  
issue. Read the  
attached

paper.

Howard

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

3:26 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:

Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your changes and

additions.

One question: am I missing  
any important

playground

toxins in this discussion? I  
appreciate your help

and

time.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

504-309-2817



From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 3:22:52 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review

of comments

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

2:51 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:

Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your phone  
call today.

Please see the comments below  
and change anything

that

needs

it.

I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

New Orleans,

504-309-2817

Playground toxins addressed on  
a variety of fronts

Howard Mielke, Tulane chemistry  
research

professor with the  
Tulane-Xavier Center for

Environmental

Research, said swing sets and  
other playground

equipment

built from lumber treated with  
chromated copper

arsenate

or

CCA as a wood preservative  
leached arsenic and

chromium

into

soils in city playgrounds for  
decades. The

Protection Agency banned CCA as  
a preservative for

most

woods in 2004, however. And  
much of the city's

old

playground equipment has been  
removed and  
replaced,

mainly

by donated equipment from the  
Kaboom foundation.

Lead dust from gasoline and  
paint has

long been an invisible problem  
in playground soils  
in

New

Orleans and other American  
cities, Mielke said.  
Lead

has

been federally banned from  
gasoline since 1996 but

remains

distributed in city soils, he  
noted.

In a study released in April,  
Mielke and other

researchers at Tulane and  
Colorado State  
University

found

that many sections of New

Orleans had lower levels  
of

lead

than they did prior to  
Hurricanes Katrina and  
Rita,

however.

After those 2005 hurricanes,  
soil lead levels  
dropped

in

29

of 46 census tracts studied in  
New Orleans because

land

was covered with sediment  
carried with the flood

water. Declines in soil lead levels correlated with

reductions in blood lead levels in children. The median

blood level in children fell 33% (from pre-to post

Katrina

surveillance data) from about 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  to 3.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ .

Drops

in blood lead levels were even

greater in census

tracts

where soil lead levels fell by  
50% or more. The

lowest

blood

levels among children were  
found in those born  
after

the

hurricanes.

Mielke said rubber mats are  
used in many of the

city's playgrounds now to  
prevent kids from

contacting

soil. City children are still  
exposed to  
potentially

damaging levels of lead,  
however. Mielke said soil  
in

playgrounds should be  
systematically remediated  
and

that this is possible  
because the sediments  
carried

by

the

River is available from  
spillways and areas  
outside

the

city. River sediments are

extraordinarily clean  
compared to  
the soils in

the metro area. end



From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To: [hmielke@mail.xula.edu](mailto:hmielke@mail.xula.edu)

Sent: Tue,

September 7, 2010 10:43:08 AM

Subject:

Louisiana Weekly story: request  
for interview on

playgrounds



Dr. Mielke,

I am contacting you

as a reporter writing a story  
for "The Louisiana

Weekly" on environmental safety  
at  
playgrounds

in

parks

and at schools in New  
Orleans.

I was wondering if

it would be possible to  
interview you for a few

minutes

today by phone about  
remediation at

local playgrounds

containing arsenic, lead and  
other

toxins.

Thank you very much

for any help.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

New Orleans,

504-309-2817





<2016 Final SPb and BPb before  
and ten

years after

Katrina.pdf>



Message

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**To:** Starfield, Lawrence [Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Shinkman, Susan [Shinkman.Susan@epa.gov]; Kelley, Rosemarie [Kelley.Rosemarie@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: SH Bell- Monday 1:00 EDT Data Release

Dear OECA:

The City's lawyer called me late Friday evening. They plan to do a press event at noon or 1:00pm Monday with Commissioner Morita and Alderman Garza. The information regarding the SE side's exposure to a health risk from manganese will be released Monday no matter what is decided by our briefing. (The City receives the monitor data when we do because they have independent authority to order the monitors.) Therefore, I propose we release the data Monday at noon, with our statement, as it will be released by the City. I can call the stakeholders/community groups at some point before that.

Timing is tight on this, because

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**From:** Nam, Ed  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** Kaplan, Robert <kaplan.robert@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Mendoza, Stephen <mendoza.stephen@epa.gov>; Nelson, Leverett <nelson.leverett@epa.gov>; Cohen, Eric <cohen.eric@epa.gov>; Smith, Molly <Smith.Molly@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Cantello, Nicole <cantello.nicole@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>; Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>; Marshall, Sarah <marshall.sarah@epa.gov>; Frank, Nathan <frank.nathan@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: SH Bell- Monday

Bob,

I wanted to let you know that we are planning on releasing the SHBell Chicago manganese data onto EPA's website around noon (to 1pm) today. Jeff's group is working on a press release and communications strategy to the environmental groups as well. The timing of this is to go public about the same time as the City of Chicago, which also has the data and has informed us that they will post the data today. Nicole has provided an excellent overview of the current situation below. I will reach out to my IEPA counterpart this morning.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Rett or me if you have further questions. We will bring this up at the 11AM Senior Staff Meeting.

-Ed

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**From:** Cantello, Nicole  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>; Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>; Marshall, Sarah <marshall.sarah@epa.gov>; Frank, Nathan <frank.nathan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Mendoza, Stephen <mendoza.stephen@epa.gov>; Nelson, Leverett <nelson.leverett@epa.gov>; Cohen, Eric <cohen.eric@epa.gov>; Smith, Molly <Smith.Molly@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick

<miller.patrick@epa.gov>

Subject: SH Bell- Monday

Hello all:

Just wanted to keep everyone updated on our steps moving forward on SH Bell for Monday

1. There will be a briefing for management Monday morning to mid-day to discuss the situation and possible options.

2. We are tentatively planning to **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** We anticipate press inquiries as soon as it is posted.

3. We have already informed the City and the State (IEPA and IAG.) We have rec'd no objection to our plan to **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** I will send a follow-up email confirming that the City of Chicago and State have no objections to the steps proposed.

4. ATSDR has been informed of the data submission. We hope to get an ATSDR supportive position in place by COB today or mid-day Monday.
5. I spoke to counsel for SH Bell. They had done the calculations and are aware of the exceedance of the standard. They are installing a temporary baghouse on one of their sources but are perplexed by the continued high numbers. They mentioned that they are a batch operation, yet the manganese numbers were constant. It sounded to me like they are putting in place a press strategy to address coming questions.
6. DOJ has been notified and is on board with our present strategy.
7. OECA may be present at the briefing with Bob but is generally on board with the plan to release the data.

Please forward questions/comments. I am available via phone and email on Monday.

Best,

Nicole Cantello  
Attorney/Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
312/886-2870  
[cantello.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:cantello.nicole@epa.gov)

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**From:** Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/9/2017 8:07:10 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Attachments to forward - RE: US Coast Guard PREP WS  
**Attachments:** PREP 2017\_Participant Handbook.doc; ATT00001.htm; PREP 2017\_IPM Outcome.doc; ATT00002.htm; PREP 2017 Initial Planning Meeting\_Meeting Minutes.docx; ATT00003.htm; Plymouth to Salisbury, MA ACP - Section 2300 - Information.pdf; ATT00004.htm

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Sent this to you before. If you don't come speak I will need talking points. Please advise.

Thx  
Doug

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "St. Fleur, Marilyn" <StFleur.Marilyn@epa.gov>  
**To:** "Gutro, Doug" <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>, "Murphy, Jim" <Murphy.Jim@epa.gov>, "Deegan, Dave" <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>, "O'Neil, Kelsey" <Oneil.Kelsey@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Attachments to forward - RE: US Coast Guard PREP WS

Hi, Doug.

I've attached notes from the previous US Coast Guard PREP meetings as well as the current contingency plan we will be looking to update and the draft meeting handbook. You will see my name as a placeholder in the handbook, these are areas we are looking for EPA representation.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,  
Marilyn

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** St. Fleur, Marilyn  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** St. Fleur, Marilyn; Gutro, Doug; Murphy, Jim; Deegan, Dave; O'Neil, Kelsey  
**Subject:** US Cost Guard PREP WS  
**When:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Call-in - Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Passcode - Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) When prompted enter 2; Passcode - Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Discussion on EPA workshop speaker and participants.

<< File: PREP 2017\_Participant Handbook.doc >> << File: Plymouth to Salisbury, MA ACP - Section 2300 - Information.pdf >>

EPA speaker to discuss: Agency social media/public affairs policies

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Kristina I LT <[Kristina.I.Butler@uscg.mil](mailto:Kristina.I.Butler@uscg.mil)>

y, February 06, 2017 3:31 PM

Kristina I LT; Donahue, William (CDA); Besse, Christopher (CDA); [kingsley.ndi@state.ma.us](mailto:kingsley.ndi@state.ma.us); Hutcheson, Julie (DEP); Smith, Kimberly INF3; Kutkiewicz (Love), Karen L LT; Pinneo, Luke W PAC; Carew, James; St. Fleur, Marilyn; Gutro, Doug

Frank R LCDR; Potter, Luke C MSTC; Francis, Michael J LT; Finneran, Dylan F LTJG

REP WS - Date shift to 14 March

PREP 2017\_Participant Handbook.doc; Plymouth to Salisbury, MA ACP - Section 2300 - Information.pdf

am,

Thank you much for the call on Friday. I talked with Irving Oil and my command here - and we are going to shift the PREP Workshop to March 14th. Thanks so much for the flexibility on the date!

That won't work for you - I'm sorry you won't be able to make it! (At least now you have 1 day freed up for more Marathon preps...). I bumped Chief Pinneo up to our SWOT Facilitator - Chief, please let me know if you'd like to rope in Sam K as well.

Hopefully the 14th hasn't put us in too precarious of a situation. We will fly you out here for both the Final Planning Meeting on March 2nd and the Workshop itself. Hopefully you won't get called away, but I'll make sure that Karen, Chief P, and I understand your afternoon plan well enough to run with it on the chance that you can't make it.

When an updated Participant Handbook, please let me know if you see anything that should be changed. Especially with regards to the names of presenters.

One of the Action Items I still have for the team:

Identify the cities of Boston & Chelsea for participation and possible presentation

Identify the Star Grant recipient for a possible candidate to speak from Academia

Develop an Information Plan template

Develop data/materials for PM Workshop (I will add these to the participant handbook)

Develop a "how-to" guide for PM facilitators

Develop a WS for the March 2nd travel

Anything I'm missing? Over the next couple days I'll book a venue and send the invites. We're still on for the afternoon of March 2nd for our Final Planning Meeting. Thanks all!

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Kristina I LT

Monday, February 01, 2017 3:37 PM

Kristina I LT; Donahue, William (CDA); Besse, Christopher (CDA); [Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us](mailto:Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us); Hutcheson, Julie (DEP); Smith, Kimberly INF3; Kutkiewicz (Love), Karen L LT; Pinneo, Luke W PAC; Carew, James; St. Fleur, Marilyn; [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)

Frank R LCDR; Potter, Luke C MSTC; Francis, Michael J LT; Finneran, Dylan F LTJG

REP MPM - Phonecon

Very quick call tomorrow at 9:00. Attached is the Workshop Participant Handbook. This contains the workshop agenda and scenario - if you have second, please give those a quick once-over. Additionally, thanks very much for everyone's quick feedback on the workshop date. Look forward to talking to you tomorrow!

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Kristina I LT

Monday, January 27, 2017 1:50 PM

Kristina I LT; Donahue, William (CDA); Besse, Christopher (CDA); [Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us](mailto:Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us); Hutcheson, Julie (DEP); Smith, Kimberly INF3; Kutkiewicz (Love), Karen L LT; Pinneo, Luke W PAC; Carew, James; St. Fleur, Marilyn

Frank R LCDR; Potter, Luke C MSTC; Francis, Michael J LT; Finneran, Dylan F LTJG

REP MPM - Phonecon

Do a brief Midterm Planning Meeting via phonecon next Thursday (02 Feb) from 9:00-10:00 to touch base on the PREP Workshop preps.

Re information:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Cited to participate as our Industry Partner. I'll send out our draft Participant Handbook for your review before the phonecon. Thanks very much!

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Kristina I LT  
y, December 22, 2016 1:45 PM  
stina I LT; Finneran, Dylan F LTJG; Donahue, William (CDA); Besse, Christopher (CDA); [Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us](mailto:Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us);  
Hutcheson, Julie (DEP); Smith, Kimberly INF3; Kutkiewicz (Love), Karen L LT; Pinneo, Luke W PAC; Carew,  
James; St. Fleur, Marilyn  
nk R LCDR; Potter, Luke C MSTC; Francis, Michael J LT  
REP IPM - Follow-up

to shoot a quick note before the holidays for your planning purposes. Here are our confirmed dates for the Workshop  
and upcoming meetings:

ning meeting: 02 Feb (AM, via phonecon)  
meeting: 02 March (PM, at venue)  
pp: 23 March (full day)

uch, and have a very happy holiday season! I'll be back in touch in Jan with updates.

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Kristina I LT  
y, December 15, 2016 2:46 PM  
stina I LT; Finneran, Dylan F LTJG; Donahue, William (CDA); Besse, Christopher (CDA); [Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us](mailto:Kingsley.Ndi@state.ma.us);  
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James; St. Fleur, Marilyn  
nk R LCDR; Potter, Luke C MSTC; Francis, Michael J LT  
IPM - Follow-up

much for your time and a very productive morning! I think this will be a great Workshop. I've attached 3 documents:  
our meeting minutes, the outcome from today's meeting, and Section 2300 of our ACP (Information).

ple days please check your schedules. I'd like to lock-in firm dates for our Midterm Planning Meeting, Final Planning  
Meeting, and the Workshop itself. Below are the target weeks for each, please let me know if there are  
any days that won't work for you.

ning: Week 30 Jan - 03 Feb (shooting for 02 Feb, likely via phonecon) Final Planning: Week of 27 Feb - 03 Mar (shooting  
for 02 March, likely at Workshop venue) PREP Workshop: Week of 20-24 March

ed as soon as I can on identifying a RP to partner with, as our scenario and possibly venue hinge on that. The last page of  
the "outcome" document attached has some tasks/deliverables divided up by agency. Please give it a  
read and let me know if there's anything I missed.

and I will be in touch soon!

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**From:** Benenati, Frank [benenati.frank@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/23/2016 11:54:43 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Sounds good

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2016, at 7:05 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI - I will connect with folks st cdc this am - have a note into them to talk asap -- will keep you closely looped in - will need to understand what role if any our colleagues in region 2 have or will play - will call in to 830

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina" <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>  
**Date:** June 22, 2016 at 6:47:05 PM MDT  
**To:** "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

FYI. The situation in PR seems pretty serious. Let's connect in the morning and see why we might so to help with the Zika outreach. I know a trip to PR is not in our game plan but it might be necessary.

*Sent from my iPhone*

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina" <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>  
**Date:** June 22, 2016 at 8:44:53 PM EDT  
**To:** "Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)" <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

I will do whatever makes sense. I can connect with it folks to see if a trip to PR is doable. Let me do that. Bin the meantime let's plan to connect tomorrow or Friday.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 22, 2016, at 8:30 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov> wrote:

Ok, happy to do whenever.

On with the PR Governor's office now. Real challenges. Any chance you could go to PR, and if not, can we coordinate on media outreach tomorrow and Friday?

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina  
**[mailto:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**]**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Thanks Tom. Walking through it would be all I really need.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 22, 2016, at 6:50 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov> wrote:

Gina,

Many thanks on the video – things are moving very quickly (the same TV station interviewed and misquoted me yesterday). There also continue to be rumors and media stories about a disconnect between “local EPA” and “Washington EPA”, so this can help with that as well.

If we could get the plain language versions of the documents about the different products finalized soon that would be great as well. I think they are with your folks.

MMWR is a more complex issue. There is a strict firewall – HHS doesn't see it until it is published. It also continues to be edited fairly late in the process. We would be happy to talk through it with your staff.

Thanks.

Tom

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina  
**[mailto:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**]**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 5:05 PM

**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)  
<txf2@cdc.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Tom - My folks are ready to rock and roll on the video idea. They will work with your team on the video and I will share a schedule with you to make sure we deliver it in a timely way.

I have a favor to ask that is totally unrelated to Zika. We have been asking your Flint team at CDC to share with us the draft MMWR report they are planning to release on Friday related to blood lead levels. EPA's on the ground outreach folks who are from my front office really need to be prepared for its release. And folks in my coms shop would like very much like to be as helpful as they can be in the development of the coms material. I want to assure you that we are not interested in making any changes to the science conclusions and we will keep the report close hold. We just need to be prepared and want to be helpful to CDC to ensure that the results of the report and its implications to our joint efforts are understood by the folks in Flint. Thanks for any help you can provide.

In any case, I will get back to you with a video delivery date as soon as possible. Take care of yourself please.

Gina

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**From:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)  
[mailto:txf2@cdc.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 7:02 PM

**To:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina

<[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>

**Subject:** FW: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

I heard back immediately and enthusiastically from our team – we would love it if you and the PR office could do a brief video spot. We'd be happy to coordinate in any way

helpful. Is there a point of contact for you?

**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina  
**[mailto:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:20 PM

**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)

[<txf2@cdc.gov>](mailto:txf2@cdc.gov)

**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

You must be pulling your hair out. Is there any press I or the PR office could or should do? We could have the PR office of EPA do a video spot that we release. Think about it because we cannot kick down the rumors one reporter at a time.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 21, 2016, at 5:06 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)

[<txf2@cdc.gov>](mailto:txf2@cdc.gov) wrote:

Gina,

I hope you're well.

This morning I was interviewed by a reporter from the Puerto Rico Telemundo affiliate, who repeatedly asked if the "Puerto Rico EPA" was in agreement with the "US EPA" on the matter of aerial spraying. I emphasized that there is only one EPA, and that we are working collaboratively. However, there does seem to be discord among stakeholders in Puerto Rico.

Previous local stories indicate there is concern aerial spraying in Puerto Rico. These

stories have also reiterated myths about the harms of aerial spraying. I have emphasized this is not the case and that aerial spraying is already widely used in the US, but it is clear we have must have a strong communications and education plan to go along with the operational plan for aerial spraying.

If interested, here's the link:

[http://www.telemundo.pr.com/noticias/Alerta-ante-peligro-de-aviones-insecticidas-en-Puerto-Rico\\_TLMD---Puerto-Rico-383697701.html](http://www.telemundo.pr.com/noticias/Alerta-ante-peligro-de-aviones-insecticidas-en-Puerto-Rico_TLMD---Puerto-Rico-383697701.html)

Clearly it was leaked by the Dept of Ag people in PR. (To make it even more galling, at the end it says I refused to be interviewed...they stood me up for an interview yesterday at 10....)

All the best,

Tom

Message

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**From:** Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/24/2016 5:37:27 PM  
**To:** Giles-AA, Cynthia [Giles-AA.Cynthia@epa.gov]; Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]; Shinkman, Susan [Shinkman.Susan@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Marathon CD  
**Attachments:** ENV\_ENFORCEMENT-#2590465-v1-mpc\_1\_flares\_\_\_FINAL\_5\_19\_2016\_flare\_global\_FACT\_SHEET\_as\_sent\_to\_all\_EPA.DOCX

I'm attaching DOJ's fact sheet on the global settlement amendment, but here are some of the major points:

- Marathon will spend \$319 to install and operate flare gas recovery systems at five of its refineries in five states (IL, KY, LA, MI, OH), \$6 million to close a flare at its refinery in Detroit and \$15 million on mitigation projects to control NOX at Ohio and Louisiana facilities.
- Reduces pollution from these five refineries by an additional 1,065 tons per year (NOX, VOCs and SO2) on top of the reductions of 5,200 tpy from original 2012 settlement.
- Helps address EJ issues in communities near Detroit refinery (local Sierra Club chapter has been active in this matter).
- Amendment will enable Marathon to comply with new refinery rule and Next Gen technology (remote monitoring) provided data for original settlement.

Nick or I will share a draft of the press release soon—we are still sorting through some edits with DOJ.

We are also considering whether to try to do an embargoed press interview with you and John the night before or morning of the lodging with an outlet that covers these issues on a national basis, like the Houston Chronicle.

-John

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**From:** Giles-AA, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Shinkman, Susan <Shinkman.Susan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Marathon CD

I have not heard any reason to do this other than the usual way, which is same day notice. Let's discuss before anyone proceeds. If there is a summary of the case you could circulate, would like to see it.

Thanks.

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**From:** Conger, Nick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 11:25 AM  
**To:** Giles-AA, Cynthia <Giles-AA.Cynthia@epa.gov>; Shinkman, Susan <Shinkman.Susan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Marathon CD

Cynthia, Susan,

Are you aware of, and do you have a view on, alerting Congressionals a week before a CD (for Marathon) is lodged? Seems like a lot of lead time. We can push back, but wanted to check with you first.

Nick

Nick Conger

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**From:** Deamer, Eileen

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 11:06 AM

**To:** Distefano, Nichole <Distefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

And we plan to send tomorrow at 3 p.m. -- not today...one week's notice. E

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:38 AM

**To:** Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Thanks Eileen. Are you planning to include the DC staff for these offices as well as regional staff?

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**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

The plan is to send this note to congressionals today (Dingell -- neighboring district, Conyers, Stabenow, and Peters) at around 3 p.m. est. The message includes the offer of a briefing on June 1 if requested...

This e-mail is to inform you that on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be lodging in federal district court in Detroit an amendment to the 2012 Flaring Consent Decree that the government had previously entered into with the Marathon Petroleum Company. (The Consent Decree will be available at: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/marathon-petroleum-company-lp-and-catlettsburg-refining-llc-settlement-flaring>). This amendment to the Flaring Consent Decree pertains to Marathon's Detroit Refinery, as well as to other Marathon refineries. Although we cannot discuss the details of the amendment until it has been lodged with the court, we wish to inform you that on the day of the lodging staff from the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency will be available to discuss, either by telephone or in person if you wish, the nature and the reasons for the

amendment. If you wish to speak or meet with the staff after the lodging of the amendment, please let us know the times that you are available for a conference call or meeting between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EDT) on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, please note that procedurally the amendment to the Consent Decree will be noticed in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period and will not be effective until a judge has determined that it is in the public interest.

This was drafted by the whole enforcement team including DOJ.

Let me know if you need any additional information. I will be indicating that this is CLOSE HOLD. (Even though it doesn't list any of the contents of the decree.)

Thanks,

Eileen  
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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 2:42 PM  
**To:** Rowan, Anne <[rowan.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rowan.anne@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: bob kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Thanks Anne. Adding Tristan

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**From:** Rowan, Anne  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 3:36 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: bob kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

A joint DOJ/EPA press release (with quotes from Cruden and Giles) is scheduled to go out Wednesday, June, when the CD amendment expected to be lodged. Region 5 will amplify with a reg'l press release (including quote from Bob) which focuses on Detroit issues (mainly SO2). John Senn has been looped in the calls with the DOJ/EPA legal team to discuss communications. John said it's possible that Cruden and Giles (and possibly, Bob) may want to do some embargoed interviews with key reporters (tbd) prior to lodging. Bob has asked for robust outreach on-the-ground in Detroit with key local officials as well as EJ and Community leaders. The EPA Region 5 case team (air and legal folks) will be joined by the DOJ attorney for that effort. Bob spoke to the Administrator about Marathon and she asked that we coordinate with HQs EJ office. Our EJ Director, Alan Walts consulted with Mustafa who provided some advice and guidance. Alan will be joining the case team in Detroit on June 1. Eileen Deamer is our point person for Congressional notifications and she'll be coordinating with OCIR. Josh Singer of my staff is working on the press release. I think a preliminary draft may be circulating. Neither Bob, nor our Regional Council (or I) have reviewed any draft yet.

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**From:** Martin, JohnC [Martin.JohnC@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/27/2019 9:11:32 PM  
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**CC:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: DNI Memo Survey Update

That sounds good. What time works for you two?

JM

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On Jun 27, 2019, at 5:04 PM, Stanich, Ted <[Stanich.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:Stanich.Ted@epa.gov)> wrote:

John:

Just spoke with Nancy re DNI survey.

As to Question # 5, her original answer was YES and I see that they are asking for copies of the policies for questions 3-7.

Let's have a quick call with Nancy tomorrow to discuss this answer and Numbers 16 and 17, just to be clear.

I still haven't heard from Michael Molina and I have not shared with him any drafts besides the first one.

Thank you,

v/r,  
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**From:** Martin, JohnC

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 4:23 PM

**To:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Glazier, Kelly <Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov>; McKinney, Robert <mckinney.robert@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Sweeney, Edward <Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov>; Stanich, Ted <Stanich.Ted@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>; Lasher, Diane <Lasher.Diane@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis <Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov>; Harnisch, Will <Harnisch.Will@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

I wanted to give everyone a quick update. The document is being reviewed by OGC and Ted is working with Senior Leadership to make sure they are comfortable with our answers. We have requested an extension from ODNI, but have not heard back from them whether they will grant it or not.

In the meantime, I have started entering our answers into the survey in draft form and can make any additional edits as necessary once they come in. While entering the information, I was prompted to provide some additional information that was not on the original survey. Some items I have, some I need your help with. Here is what I need.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK BY NOON TOMORROW.**

For question 1, (OHS) they asked what categories of sensitive information, assets, systems or activities we have identified at EPA that need protection. **My proposed answer is** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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For question 3B (SMD), they asked what mechanisms have we implanted to track compliance with training and employee awareness and education. **My draft answer is** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

For question 8 (which covers questions 3 to 7 in the survey on line) they asked us to provide them with policies for the following items

Media Interactions – Question 5 Nancy, OPA, I BELIEVE YOU SAID Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Use, sharing, storage, protection and destruction of classified and sensitive information and assets – **Question 6 SMD and OEI. SMD SHOULD WE PROVIDE OUR POLICY FOR THESE ACTIONS RELATED TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION? IF SO, PLEASE SEND IT.**

Reporting of foreign travel, contacts and activities – Question 7 SMD. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **PLEASE VERIFY THAT WORKS FOR YOU.**

For question 16 (OPA) it asks us to describe the restrictions we impose on our employees about media contacts. **NANCY, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM.**

For question 17, (OPA and SMD) it asks us if this question applies to CONTRACTORS and is addressing the requirement to report unofficial contact with the media. **SMD AND NANCY, PLEASE ANSWER. I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS** **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Thank you all again for your continued help completing this important task.

JM

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**Cc:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <[jcmartin3@fbi.gov](mailto:jcmartin3@fbi.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

A big thank you again to everyone for their comments and edits on this document. Here is the latest draft incorporating everything I have and everything we have discussed to date. Please take a look at everything again when you have a minute. Also, please remember that your offices will be responsible for providing justifications/details for these answers and any follow up questions from DNI after we submit the survey.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please give me a call.

JM

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**Subject:** Re: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thanks Nancy. We will leave the answer to #5 **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** If they ask a follow up, we can provide additional details.

I will give you a call tomorrow to discuss our potential options to answer #7.

JM

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On Jun 24, 2019, at 2:46 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

John –

For # 5 - We do not have a formal policy or mass mailer that has been sent.

For #7 would like to talk about this – **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Please give me a call when convenient.

Thanks ng

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**Subject:** Re: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thanks Nancy. For #5, I believe OGC prefers us to just go with **Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)** **Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)** but I appreciate the context. Do we have anything in writing that we can provide DNI regarding the established procedures you reference? We

should include a copy, whether it is a formal policy or an All-Hands memo, since they ask us to include that information in our response.

For #7, I'd like to change the last sentence to

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Do you feel the new language and the proposed timeline are acceptable?

How do we encourage people to notify OPA? Is there an All-Hands memo or something similar that was sent to everyone? If so, can you send me a copy so we can attach it to our reply?

Thanks again for your help.

JM

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On Jun 21, 2019, at 4:33 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Please see edits and question below:

Thanks ng

5. (U) (OPA) Does your department or agency restrict employees, excluding communication and public affairs offices, from communicating directly with media outlets'?

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

17. (U) (OPA AND SMD) Does your department or agency require that employees report their unofficial contacts with the media?

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thank you all for your comments. Here is the latest draft of the document. Charlotte has provided some preliminary feedback regarding the scoping of some of the answers, which is very valuable. I have not incorporated those yet, but will as soon as we receive the rest of OGC's comments.

Nancy, please take a look at the Media items and let me know what you think.

If everyone could please take another look and make sure I captured everything in the spirit it was intended, I would appreciate it.

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**Sent:** Wed 11/22/2017 12:41:14 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Your name is fine, unless you would rather not.

Thanks ng

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Thoughts?

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**To:** "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, "Durant, Jennah" <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

David, the reporter has follow-up below. Robert will handle as I am out today.

**Follow-up:**  
**"Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down (over what period, and in Louisiana as a whole or certain parts of the state?)"**  
  
- Also, she is asking for attribution beyond an "EPA spokesperson." Would you like to use your name — or prefer to have a political here use his/her name?

On Nov 21, 2017, at 3:04 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:10 AM  
**To:** Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

OAQPS said y'all are better equipped to answer the first question:

**Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why?**

Can you help?

They are working on the first. DDL is COB today.

On Nov 21, 2017, at 8:32 AM, Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)> wrote:

From: Susan Buchanan [<mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com>]

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:30 AM

**To:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>; Durant, Jennah <[Durant.Jennah@epa.gov](mailto:Durant.Jennah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Good day! I just called her. Do you happen to have her email?

**Resent-From:** <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**From:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Date:** November 21, 2017 at 8:25:57 AM EST

**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Told region that we would handle at [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) thanksng

Nancy Grantham  
Office of Public Affairs  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-6879 (desk)  
202-253-7056 (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 8:24 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Reporter is following up. Do we want to comment? Since it is NAACP - I think it should be a national response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

You will want to handle this one on the NAACP report. Let me know.

David

EPA Region 6

Ms. Durant and Mr. Hubbard,

I hope you're well and having a good fall.

I've been assigned to write a story for "The Louisiana Weekly" about a recently released "Fumes Across the Fence Line" report from the NAACP and CATF.

[http://www.naacp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line\\_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf](http://www.naacp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf)

It says: "More than 1 million African Americans live within a ½ mile of existing oil and gas facilities, and the number is growing every year. Many African Americans are particularly burdened with health impacts from this air pollution due to high levels of poverty. The air in many African Americans communities violates air quality standards for ozone smog. Rates of asthma are relatively high in African American communities."

I was wondering if you could help with these questions: Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why? Is exposure to oil-and-gas pollution among African Americans in Louisiana increasing or declining?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Buchanan  
New Orleans, La.  
504-309-2817

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 8:05:14 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Dr. Mielke,

I appreciate your help  
and

apologize for bothering you so  
much. Could you

possibly

take

a last look at the comments  
below?

Thank you, Susan

Buchanan

Playground toxins addressed on  
a

variety of fronts

Howard Mielke,

Tulane chemistry research  
professor with

the Tulane-Xavier Center for  
Environmental  
Research,

said

that arsenic and chromium  
leached into soils in  
city

playgrounds for decades from  
swing sets and other

equipment,

like tables, benches and  
fences, built from lumber

treated

with chromated copper arsenate  
or CCA. Wood

preservative

CCA

is used in warm, humid

climates to keep fungi and  
termites at

bay. The Environmental  
Protection Agency

banned CCA as a preservative  
for most woods in  
2004,

however.

In a study released in January,  
Mielke and

researchers at Xavier and other  
universities found

that

in

38 play areas surveyed in New  
Orleans during the

summer of 2008, 14 or nearly  
37% had CCA-treated

wood. Researchers recommended  
that CCA-treated  
wood

be

coated with sealant and  
rigorously

maintained and that it be  
replaced eventually  
with

safer materials. Soil near  
CCA-treated wood in

playgrounds

should be replaced too, they  
said, since the  
presence

of

arsenic is hazardous to  
children given their

hand-to-mouth

habits.

In recent

years, much of the city's old  
playground

equipment

has

been removed and replaced,  
mainly by donated

equipment

from

the Kaboom foundation, Mielke  
and RSD school

officials

said.

Lead dust from gasoline

and paint has long been an  
invisible problem in

playground

soils in New Orleans and other  
American cities,

Mielke

said.

Lead has been federally banned  
from gasoline since

1996

but

remains distributed in city  
soils, he

noted.

In a study

released in April, Mielke and  
other researchers at

Tulane

and Colorado State University  
found that many

sections

of

New Orleans had lower levels of  
lead than they did

prior

to

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,  
however. After those

2005

hurricanes, soil lead levels  
dropped in 29 of 46

census

tracts studied in New Orleans  
because

land

was

covered with sediment carried  
in by flood

water. The lead

contamination may reappear  
with time.

The important point is that  
the

declines in soil lead

levels correlated with  
reductions in blood lead

levels

in

children. Median blood lead  
level in children fell

33%

from

pre-to-post Katrina  
surveillance data. The lowest

blood

lead

levels among the city's  
children were found in

those

born after the 2005 hurricanes.  
These results

support a proactive program for  
soil

remediation.

Mielke said

rubber mats are used in many of  
the city's

playgrounds

now to prevent kids from  
contacting soil. City

children

are

still exposed to potentially  
damaging levels of

arsenic

and

lead, however. Mielke said from  
his perspective,

arsenic in CCA-treated wood and  
its

leaching into soils in New  
Orleans playgrounds is

another serious threat along  
with

lead in soil at this

point.

Mielke

said “soil in playgrounds  
should be  
systematically

remediated, and that is  
possible by using

sediments

carried

by the Mississippi River, which  
are available from

spillways

and areas outside the city.  
River sediments are

extraordinarily clean compared  
to soils

in

the metro area.”  
Tulane-Xavier environmental

researchers support the launch  
of

a New Orleans program similar  
to Norway's  
National

Clean

Soil Program for mapping and  
remediating polluted

soils

in

outdoor play areas at childcare  
centers,  
elementary

schools and playgrounds. end



From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:55:20 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments



Thank you for the paper, Dr.  
Mielke.

Are you saying arsenic  
in playground soils is a  
bigger

problem today than lead in  
soil?

From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:37:54 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Yes.

From my perspective, As in CCA  
treated wood and  
its

leaching into the soils around  
wood a playgrounds

appears

to

be a much more important  
issue. Read the  
attached

paper.

Howard

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

3:26 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:



Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your changes and

additions.

One question: am I missing  
any important

playground

toxins in this discussion? I  
appreciate your help

and

time.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

504-309-2817





From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 3:22:52 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

2:51 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:

Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your phone  
call today.

Please see the comments below  
and change anything

that

needs

it.

I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

New Orleans,

504-309-2817

Playground toxins addressed on  
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arsenate

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Environmental

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Lead dust from gasoline and  
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Rita,

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After those 2005 hurricanes,  
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reductions in blood lead levels  
in children. The

median

blood level in children fell  
33% (from pre-to post

Katrina

surveillance data) from about 5

µg/dL to 3.5  
µg/dL.

Drops

in blood lead levels were even  
greater in census

tracts

where soil lead levels fell by  
50% or more. The

lowest

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levels among children were  
found in those born  
after

the

hurricanes.

Mielke said rubber mats are  
used in many of the

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soil. City children are still  
exposed to  
potentially

damaging levels of lead,  
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the soils in

the metro area. end

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To: [hmielke@mail.xula.edu](mailto:hmielke@mail.xula.edu)

Sent: Tue,

September 7, 2010 10:43:08 AM

Subject:

Louisiana Weekly story: request  
for interview on

playgrounds



Dr. Mielke,

I am contacting you

as a reporter writing a story  
for "The Louisiana

Weekly" on environmental safety  
at  
playgrounds

in

parks

and at schools in New  
Orleans.

I was wondering if

it would be possible to  
interview you for a few

minutes

today by phone about  
remediation at

local playgrounds

containing arsenic, lead and  
other

toxins.

Thank you very much

for any help.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

New Orleans,

504-309-2817







<2016 Final SPb and BPb before  
and ten

years after

Katrina.pdf>

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]  
**Sent:** 5/24/2016 3:07:40 PM  
**To:** Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Enjoy ..

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**From:** Senn, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 11:07 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Yes, though I will also raise that with Wyn and Anne Rowan.

FYI, Nancy, I am headed out on vacation tomorrow mid-afternoon, so Nick will be picking this up for me the rest of the week after I take off.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:28 AM  
**To:** Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Agree -- I wonder why they are doing so early. Do you want us to push back?

Thanks ng

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**From:** Senn, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:26 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

He's aware this case is happening, but I don't know that he's tapped in re notifications. I will reach out to him this morning. I'm still not convinced we need to do notifications this far in advance, btw.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:22 AM  
**To:** Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Presume wyn is looped in here ..thanks ng

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**From:** Deamer, Eileen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:15 AM

**To:** Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

The plan is to send this note to congressionals today (Dingell – neighboring district, Conyers, Stabenow, and Peters) at around 3 p.m. est. The message includes the offer of a briefing on June 1 if requested...

This e-mail is to inform you that on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be lodging in federal district court in Detroit an amendment to the 2012 Flaring Consent Decree that the government had previously entered into with the Marathon Petroleum Company. (The Consent Decree will be available at: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/marathon-petroleum-company-lp-and-catlettsburg-refining-llc-settlement-flaring> ). This amendment to the Flaring Consent Decree pertains to Marathon's Detroit Refinery, as well as to other Marathon refineries. Although we cannot discuss the details of the amendment until it has been lodged with the court, we wish to inform you that on the day of the lodging staff from the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency will be available to discuss, either by telephone or in person if you wish, the nature and the reasons for the amendment. If you wish to speak or meet with the staff after the lodging of the amendment, please let us know the times that you are available for a conference call or meeting between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EDT) on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, please note that procedurally the amendment to the Consent Decree will be noticed in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period and will not be effective until a judge has determined that it is in the public interest.

This was drafted by the whole enforcement team including DOJ.

Let me know if you need any additional information. I will be indicating that this is CLOSE HOLD. (Even though it doesn't list any of the contents of the decree.)

Thanks,

Eileen  
312-886-1728

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 2:42 PM  
**To:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Cassell, Peter <cassell.peter@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>; Fortin, Denise <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Thanks Anne. Adding Tristan

Nichole Distefano

Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-5200  
[Distefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:Distefano.Nichole@epa.gov)

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**From:** Rowan, Anne  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 3:36 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)>; Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>; Distefano, Nichole <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)>; Conger, Nick <[Conger.Nick@epa.gov](mailto:Conger.Nick@epa.gov)>; Senn, John <[Senn.John@epa.gov](mailto:Senn.John@epa.gov)>; Singer, Joshua <[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov)>; Deamer, Eileen <[deamer.eileen@epa.gov](mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov)>; Fortin, Denise <[Fortin.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Fortin.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: bob kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

A joint DOJ/EPA press release (with quotes from Cruden and Giles) is scheduled to go out Wednesday, June, when the CD amendment expected to be lodged. Region 5 will amplify with a reg'l press release (including quote from Bob) which focuses on Detroit issues (mainly SO2). John Senn has been looped in the calls with the DOJ/EPA legal team to discuss communications. John said it's possible that Cruden and Giles (and possibly, Bob) may want to do some embargoed interviews with key reporters (tbd) prior to lodging. Bob has asked for robust outreach on-the-ground in Detroit with key local officials as well as EJ and Community leaders. The EPA Region 5 case team (air and legal folks) will be joined by the DOJ attorney for that effort. Bob spoke to the Administrator about Marathon and she asked that we coordinate with HQs EJ office. Our EJ Director, Alan Walts consulted with Mustafa who provided some advice and guidance. Alan will be joining the case team in Detroit on June 1. Eileen Deamer is our point person for Congressional notifications and she'll be coordinating with OCIR. Josh Singer of my staff is working on the press release. I think a preliminary draft may be circulating. Neither Bob, nor our Regional Council (or I) have reviewed any draft yet.

Anne Rowan, Chief  
News Media & Intergovernmental Relations Section  
Office of External Communications  
U.S. EPA Region 5, Chicago  
[rowan.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rowan.anne@epa.gov)  
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 1:09 PM  
**To:** Rowan, Anne <[rowan.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rowan.anne@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Harrison, Melissa <[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)>; Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>; Distefano, Nichole <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)>; Conger, Nick <[Conger.Nick@epa.gov](mailto:Conger.Nick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** bob kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Nancy Grantham  
202-564-6879  

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

 (cell)

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]  
**Sent:** 5/24/2016 3:07:21 PM  
**To:** Deamer, Eileen [deamer.eileen@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole [DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Brown, Tristan [brown.tristan@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Looping john senn in oeca comms and nick conger in opa

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**From:** Deamer, Eileen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 11:06 AM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

And we plan to send tomorrow at 3 p.m. -- not today...one week's notice. E

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 9:38 AM  
**To:** Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

Thanks Eileen. Are you planning to include the DC staff for these offices as well as regional staff?

Nichole Distefano  
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(202) 564-5200  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:15 AM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <Brown.Tristan@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bob Kaplan mentioned marathon announcement is imminent -- can you fill us in on timing/briefing/background materials? thanks ng

The plan is to send this note to congressionals today (Dingell -- neighboring district, Conyers, Stabenow, and Peters) at around 3 p.m. est. The message includes the offer of a briefing on June 1 if requested...

This e-mail is to inform you that on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be lodging in federal district court in Detroit an amendment to the 2012 Flaring Consent Decree that the government had previously entered into with the Marathon Petroleum Company. (The Consent Decree will be available at: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/marathon-petroleum-company-lp-and-catlettsburg-refining-llc-settlement-flaring> ). This amendment to the Flaring Consent Decree pertains to Marathon's Detroit Refinery, as well as to other Marathon refineries. Although we cannot discuss the details of the amendment until it has been lodged with the court, we wish to inform you that on the day of the lodging staff from the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency will be available to discuss, either by telephone or in person if you wish, the nature and the reasons for the amendment. If you wish to speak or meet with the staff after the lodging of the amendment, please let us know the times that you are available for a conference call or meeting between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EDT) on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, please note that procedurally the amendment to the Consent Decree will be noticed in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period and will not be effective until a judge has determined that it is in the public interest.

This was drafted by the whole enforcement team including DOJ.

Let me know if you need any additional information. I will be indicating that this is CLOSE HOLD. (Even though it doesn't list any of the contents of the decree.)

Thanks,

Eileen  
312-886-1728

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole

**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 2:42 PM

**To:** Rowan, Anne <[rowan.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rowan.anne@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelly.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>

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Thanks Anne. Adding Tristan

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**From:** Rowan, Anne

**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 3:36 PM

**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>

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A joint DOJ/EPA press release (with quotes from Cruden and Giles) is scheduled to go out Wednesday, June, when the CD amendment expected to be lodged. Region 5 will amplify with a reg'l press release (including quote from Bob) which focuses on Detroit issues (mainly SO2). John Senn has been looped in the calls with the DOJ/EPA legal team to discuss communications. John said it's possible that Cruden and Giles (and possibly, Bob) may want to do some embargoed interviews with key reporters (tbd) prior to lodging. Bob has asked for robust outreach on-the-ground in Detroit with key local officials as well as EJ and Community leaders. The EPA Region 5 case team (air and legal folks) will be joined by the DOJ attorney for that effort. Bob spoke to the Administrator about Marathon and she asked that we coordinate with HQs EJ office. Our EJ Director, Alan Walts consulted with Mustafa who provided some advice and guidance. Alan will be joining the case team in Detroit on June 1. Eileen Deamer is our point person for Congressional notifications and she'll be coordinating with OCIR. Josh Singer of my staff is working on the press release. I think a preliminary draft may be circulating. Neither Bob, nor our Regional Council (or I) have reviewed any draft yet.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy

**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 1:09 PM

**To:** Rowan, Anne <[rowan.anne@epa.gov](mailto:rowan.anne@epa.gov)>; Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>; Cassell, Peter <[cassell.peter@epa.gov](mailto:cassell.peter@epa.gov)>

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Nancy Grantham

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/23/2016 3:11:53 AM  
**To:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
**CC:** Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Will do - I will check in with dr frieden's folks early in am

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2016, at 6:47 PM, [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:

FYI. The situation in PR seems pretty serious. Let's connect in the morning and see why we might so to help with the Zika outreach. I know a trip to PR is not in our game plan but it might be necessary.

*Sent from my iPhone*

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina" <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>  
**Date:** June 22, 2016 at 8:44:53 PM EDT  
**To:** "Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)" <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

I will do whatever makes sense. I can connect with it folks to see if a trip to PR is doable. Let me do that. Bin the meantime let's plan to connect tomorrow or Friday.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 22, 2016, at 8:30 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov> wrote:

Ok, happy to do whenever.

On with the PR Governor's office now. Real challenges. Any chance you could go to PR, and if not, can we coordinate on media outreach tomorrow and Friday?

**From:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina [mailto:[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Thanks Tom. Walking through it would be all I really need.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 22, 2016, at 6:50 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov> wrote:

Gina,

Many thanks on the video – things are moving very quickly (the same TV station interviewed and misquoted me yesterday). There also continue to be rumors and media stories about a disconnect between “local EPA” and “Washington EPA”, so this can help with that as well.

If we could get the plain language versions of the documents about the different products finalized soon that would be great as well. I think they are with your folks.

MMWR is a more complex issue. There is a strict firewall – HHS doesn’t see it until it is published. It also continues to be edited fairly late in the process. We would be happy to talk through it with your staff.

Thanks.

Tom

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) McCarthy, Gina  
**[mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 5:05 PM  
**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

Tom - My folks are ready to rock and roll on the video idea. They will work with your team on the video and I will share a schedule with you to make sure we deliver it in a timely way.

I have a favor to ask that is totally unrelated to Zika. We have been asking your Flint team at CDC to share with us the draft MMWR report they are planning to release on Friday related to blood lead levels. EPA’s on the ground outreach folks who are from my front office really need to be prepared for its release. And folks in my coms shop would like very much like to be as helpful as they can be in the development of the coms material. I want to assure you that we are not interested in making any changes to the science conclusions and we will keep the report close hold. We just need to be prepared and want to be helpful to CDC to ensure that the results of the report and its implications to our joint efforts are understood by the folks in Flint. Thanks for any help you can provide.

In any case, I will get back to you with a video delivery date as soon as possible. Take care of yourself please.

Gina

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**From:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD)  
[mailto:txf2@cdc.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 7:02 PM  
**To:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina  
<[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]>  
**Subject:** FW: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

I heard back immediately and enthusiastically from our team – we would love it if you and the PR office could do a brief video spot. We'd be happy to coordinate in any way helpful. Is there a point of contact for you?

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**From:** [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] McCarthy, Gina  
[mailto:[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:20 PM  
**To:** Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Aerial spraying in Puerto Rico, media coverage

You must be pulling your hair out. Is there any press I or the PR office could or should do? We could have the PR office of EPA do a video spot that we release. Think about it because we cannot kick down the rumors one reporter at a time.

*Sent from my iPhone*

On Jun 21, 2016, at 5:06 PM, Frieden, Thomas (Tom) (CDC/OD) <txf2@cdc.gov> wrote:

Gina,

I hope you're well.

This morning I was interviewed by a reporter from the Puerto Rico Telemundo affiliate, who repeatedly asked if the "Puerto Rico EPA" was in agreement with the "US EPA" on the matter of aerial spraying. I emphasized that there is only one EPA, and that we are working collaboratively. However, there does seem to be discord among stakeholders in Puerto Rico.

Previous local stories indicate there is concern aerial spraying in Puerto Rico. These stories have also reiterated myths about the harms of aerial spraying. I have emphasized this is not the case and that aerial spraying is

already widely used in the US, but it is clear we have must have a strong communications and education plan to go along with the operational plan for aerial spraying.

If interested, here's the link:

<http://www.telemundopr.com/noticias/Alerta-ante-peligro-de-aviones-insecticidas-en-Puerto-Rico-TLMD---Puerto-Rico-383697701.html>

Clearly it was leaked by the Dept of Ag people in PR. (To make it even more galling, at the end it says I refused to be interviewed...they stood me up for an interview yesterday at 10....)

All the best,

Tom

**Emergency Support Function 15 – External Affairs  
Flint Water Situation Daily Communications Summary  
01/26/2016**

**KEY MESSAGES**

***State of Michigan:***

- All State Press Releases and Fact Sheets Available at: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.Michigan.gov/flintwater"](http://www.Michigan.gov/flintwater) ]
- Donations Management Site: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.helpforflint.com"](http://www.helpforflint.com) ]
- JIC Media Hotline (0900-1700): **888-363-8632**

***HHS:***

- We are deeply concerned about levels of lead found in the Flint, Michigan water supply and its impact on the health and safety of the community.
- Since this problem is primarily a public health crisis, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been designated the lead federal agency coordinating the federal support for the state's response and recovery operations.
- HHS is collaborating with federal partners to identify and mobilize the capabilities of the federal government, including: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Education (ED), and the Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- The overall goal is to support state and local officials in identifying the size and scope of the problem, and assisting them in making and executing a plan for mitigation of the short- and long-term health effects of lead exposure.
- Meeting with and listening to the residents and community leaders of Flint who have been impacted by this crisis is a critical part of our efforts moving forward. We expect to include community meetings during our trips to Flint.
- The HHS team arrived on the ground in Flint last week. This interagency team is led by Dr. Nicole Lurie, HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Dr. Lurie began meeting with state and local officials on January 19 and got on the ground on January 20.
- In order to fully leverage the department's strengths, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, HHS Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, whose office has day-to-day responsibility for managing the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, will be the primary interface with state and local public health officials. Dr. DeSalvo is a former local public health official and her first day on the ground was January 21.

***EPA:***

- EPA recommends that residents continue to use filters or drink bottled water and if necessary, contact their local health provider to have themselves or their children

tested for lead.

- EPA will continue to work with the City of Flint to monitor drinking water quality and to ensure the public is receiving up to date information
- EPA's website at: [ HYPERLINK  
"https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.awxyCiugGox5+flint" \t "\_blank" \o  
"http://www.epa.gov/flint  
• Ctrl+Click or tap to follow the link" ]

***FEMA:***

- On January 16, 2016, President Barack Obama declared an emergency for Genesee County in the State of Michigan, limited to Direct Federal Assistance, as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from contaminated water in the city of Flint, authorizing FEMA to support the state in its efforts to respond to the incident.
- Under this emergency declaration, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures, Category B, limited to Direct Federal Assistance, under the Public Assistance program limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. FEMA will, in coordination with the state, provide water, water filters, water filter cartridges, testing kits, and other necessary related items for a period of up to 90 days from the date of this declaration.

## KEY EFFORTS

### Other Federal Agencies

***FEMA:***

- As of January 25, 2016, the following commodities were requested by and provided to the state of Michigan in support of the response to the emergency conditions resulting from contaminated water in the city of Flint.
- 610,200 liters of water
- 83,728 water filter replacement cartridges
- 5,000-23 cup water dispenser & filtration systems (ZeroWater)
- 30,000 water filters

***EPA:***

- Collected chlorine samples at locations throughout the city of Flint drinking water system, with a focus on locations that would be the most likely to have lower chlorine levels.
- Results show that chlorine is present in the system, with levels in some areas of the system that could be improved.

- Collected and analyzed a sample for bacteria from the site with the lowest chlorine test.
- Tests showed that no bacteria (coliform and E. coli) present.

***USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS):***

- USDA has waived requirements on potable tap water availability at school meal service.
- The USDA Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is also allowing participants to use WIC vouchers for ready-to-feed infant formula, which does not need to be mixed with water, and participants can also swap powdered formula for ready-to-feed formula.

***HHS***

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing technical assistance to the state on lead exposure, water sampling protocols, and home inspections. CDC is working with the state to determine the number of children exposed to lead in Flint to ensure that children who should be screened are getting screened.
- The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is using existing resources to help state health officials identify vulnerable populations in Flint who may need further targeted outreach and assistance.
- The HHS-funded agency on aging in Michigan are organizing local meetings for seniors and distributing water bottles and water filters to home delivered meal recipients. The agency is coordinating with Genesee County to assist seniors who need help installing water filters.
- The HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are working with their grantees in the area to disseminate public health education through Head Start, Community Health Centers, and other programs to help families understand the risks of lead in the water, encourage residents to have their children screened, and assisting families in obtaining screening. Some Head Start grantees are also conducting home visits to families to encourage families to provide the children with filtered water.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, sponsored by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is available provide crisis counseling and support to people – including children and families in Flint – who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. (Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor).
- Behavioral health experts from the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration are working with the state on plans to provide psychological first aid for school personnel, the faith-based community, and

human service providers. These experts also are working with the state to determine the need for increased screening for behavioral health disorders in public health system to facilities early intervention for those who might need additional support.

- Medicaid regularly requires that all Medicaid-eligible children up to age 6 be tested for lead poisoning; treatment for these children is covered under Medicaid. As a diagnostic benefit, home investigations for Medicaid-eligible children also are covered under Medicaid. The state can expedite enrollment into Medicaid for eligible children in need of immediate medical attention.

### ***HUD***

- HUD is working closely with the city on economic development and interagency coordination and successfully assisted the city with the purchase and installation of water filters. HUD had an existing lead hazard grant to Flint, targeted to lead paint, \$325,000 of which could be used for addressing the water lead contamination.
- HUD also has provided a data tracking and reporting system for the State of Michigan to use in its lead investigations.
- In 2014, Flint was identified as one of six target cities in the second round of the Strong Cities – Strong Communities White House initiative. This program focuses on enhanced federal agency support in areas of blight reduction, public safety and economic development. Discussions are ongoing between the FEMA Region 5 Strong Cities – Strong Communities program lead and HUD staff on the Flint water crisis impacts to Strong Cities – Strong Communities programs and initiatives, as well as possible opportunities for collaboration through existing federal engagement with city, county and state agencies.

### **Federal External Affairs Operations**

#### ***Joint Information Center***

- EPA released operational update to media at 1:00 PM (Eastern); language included in above Topline Messages & Key Efforts

#### ***Planning & Products***

- FEMA responded to request from the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) regarding Spanish language public information products; coordinated with State JIC for information/products to provide along with a State POC for future requests

#### ***Congressional Affairs***

- Joint operational update provided to federal and state delegations in Michigan; lead by the State of Michigan with participation by Michigan State Police (EMHSD), FEMA, HHS/ASPR

#### ***Intergovernmental Affairs***

- CDC Risk Communications advisor observed a standing quarterly stakeholder meeting hosted by Michigan State Dept. of Health in Lansing
- CDC Risk Communications advisor coordinated with Mayor of Flint's office to begin risk communications leadership training

**Private Sector**

- NSTR – donations management activities are being coordinated by State of Michigan

**DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Today, 1/26/16**

| Time | Event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Lead Organization                          |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 0800 | CDC Observing State Department of Health Stakeholders Meeting (standing quarterly meeting) in Lansing, MI;<br>Topic: Flint Water Situation<br>Stakeholders include: Academics, Clinical Care Operations, non-governmental organizations<br><i>*risk communications training mission*</i>                                        | CDC, Barbara Reynolds                      |
| 1230 | Interagency Communications Coordination Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | HHS/ASPR                                   |
| 1430 | EMHSD-FEMA Operational Update for Congressional and Legislative Staff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | State EMHSD, FEMA                          |
| 1700 | <b>NAACP Hosted Public Mass Meeting</b><br>Host: Cornell William Brooks, NAACP Pres. & CEO<br>University of Michigan-Flint, Northbank Center<br>432 N. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502<br>[ HYPERLINK " <a href="http://www.umflint.edu/northbank">http://www.umflint.edu/northbank</a> " ]<br>NAACP Flint Branch: 810-742-8622 | NAACP<br>No State or Federal Participation |

**Wednesday 1/27/2016**

| Time             | Event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Lead Organization                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| TBD<br>(morning) | Joint State/Local Press Conference<br>Details TBD; if federal presence is requested, Dr. Christopher Braden (CDC, USPHS) has tentatively been identified to represent Dr. Lurie per ASPA                                                                                                                                   | State of Michigan                                      |
| 2100             | Rachel Maddow Town Hall: "American Disaster: The Crisis in Flint" on Wed. Jan. 27 at 9 p.m. Guests will include Flint Mayor Karen Weaver; U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow; Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha of Hurley Medical Center; Lanice Lawson, creator of Bottles for Babies; Curt Guyette, reporter for the ACLU in Michigan; Brynn | City of Flint/Mayor<br>*EPA attendance request pending |

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|  | <p>Mickle and Ron Fonger of The Flint Journal; and Detroit Free Press columnist Nancy Kaffer.<br/>See more at: [ <a href="http://voiceofdetroit.net/2016/01/24/maddow-snyders-new-mdeq-chief-opposes-feds-flint-water-order-flint-town-hall-jan-27-9-pm/">HYPERLINK</a> "http://voiceofdetroit.net/2016/01/24/maddow-snyders-new-mdeq-chief-opposes-feds-flint-water-order-flint-town-hall-jan-27-9-pm/" \l "sthash.SRZ1BaT3.dpuf" ]</p> <p>Address: Brownell/Holmes STEM Academy, 6602 Oxley Dr., Flint<br/>[ <a href="http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/01/">HYPERLINK</a> "http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/01/" ]<br/>what_to_know_about_rachel_madd.html</p> |  |
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***Additional Comments on Tomorrow's Plan:***

CDC is working to connect with the Mayor of Flint's office/staff regarding the press conference to provide risk communications guidance in advance of the event.

***Looking ahead:***

- The state is planning a media event for Thursday (1/28/16) to discuss a recycling plan
- A congressional hearing in Washington, D.C., is expected in February

| Daily |                                                                               |                   |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Time  | Event                                                                         | Lead Organization |
| 0800  | Operations Begin                                                              | All               |
| 0830  | State Local Operations Coordination Call (Flint EOC, County, Field Ops)       | State             |
| 0900  | Field Daily Stand Up/Operational Briefing                                     | HHS IRCT          |
| 0900  | State JIC Media Hotline Opens<br>State JIC Media Hotline: <b>888-363-8632</b> | State             |
| 0930  | State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) – Lansing – Operations Briefing      | State             |
| 1100  | Operational Tactics Meeting<br>(Monday, Friday only)                          | HHS IRCT          |
| 1300  | EPA Daily Operational Press Release                                           | EPA               |
| 1500  | Planning Meeting<br>(Monday, Friday only)                                     | HHS IRCT          |
| 1600  | State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) – Lansing – Operations Briefing      | State             |
| 2000  | State JIC Daily Numbers News Release                                          | State             |
| 2000  | End of Office Operations @ IOF and State JIC                                  | All               |
| TBD   | Daily State Media Availability Event                                          | State             |

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| MEDIA ANALYSIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |             |  |
| <b><u>PRODUCTS</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |  |
| <b><u>State of Michigan</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |  |
| The first translated materials now available on [ <a href="#">HYPERLINK "http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater" \t "_blank" ]</a> and additional translated materials will be added (1/26/16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |  |
| Press Release: [ <a href="#">HYPERLINK "http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-374773--,00.html" ]</a> (1/26/16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |  |
| <b><u>EPA</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |  |
| Press Release: [ <a href="#">HYPERLINK "http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/dad4ee9db1063c0e85257f4600604fa6!OpenDocument" ]</a> (1/26/16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             |  |
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| Website: [ <a href="#">HYPERLINK "http://www.phe.gov/flint" ]</a> (1/21/16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |  |
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**Flint, Michigan, Water Contamination Crisis**  
**Federal support for state and local response operations**  
**May 13, 2016**

*Federal agencies continue to support state and city officials in responding to the Flint, Michigan, water crisis with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) serving as the lead federal agency responsible for coordinating the federal response efforts.*

*HHS has worked across the federal partners from across the U.S. government to mobilize the capabilities and resources of existing programs. Federal agency partners include: the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Education, and the Department of Agriculture.*

These agencies have been supporting the state and city in:

- identifying the size and scope of the problem and
- making and executing a plan to mitigate the short- and long-term health effects of lead exposure.

All efforts to date are allowable under the Departments' statutory and regulatory authorities.

**To help the state in ensuring a safe water supply and provide immediate access to safe water:**

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- Starting May 1, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Flint began a Flush for Flint month-long effort to encourage residents to run their water to get orthophosphate, the corrosion control chemical, into the service lines to remove loose lead particulate and to coat the pipes. The cost is covered by the state and residents will receive a credit on their water bill. Residents are asked to run cold water on the highest flow for five minutes each day for 14 days on both their bathtub and kitchen faucet.
- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is conducting an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help find the cause of rashes and other skin concerns for Flint residents. Current test results announced March 24 indicate that Flint water [ [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/9dd82ed83d31f39a85257f80007c27b3!OpenDocument"](https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/9dd82ed83d31f39a85257f80007c27b3!OpenDocument) ]. The investigation is expected to be completed in late April or early May.

- During the week of March 27, in an effort to further inform the skin rash investigation, EPA expanded its current water sampling program in Flint homes and other points in the distribution system for metals including lead and copper, as well as organic compounds, disinfection byproducts, disinfection byproducts, including trihalomethanes (THM), and other constituents. This expanded effort includes a scientific study of the hot and cold water in the bathrooms of some homes. These data will be shared with MDHHS/CDC to inform their evaluation of possible health effects. EPA's previous testing in the Flint water distribution system, including commercial properties and schools - but not individual homes - has not found elevated levels of regulated THM.
- As of May 13, 2016, the State of Michigan has requested and FEMA has provided 10,756,477 liters of water, 243,842 water filter replacement cartridges and 50,000 water and pitcher filters in support of the response to the emergency conditions resulting from contaminated water in the city of Flint.
- EPA is working with state and local officials to conduct water testing and to reduce lead levels in tap water and provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint. Recent tests show that lead-removal filters are working as expected in Flint homes with high lead levels.
- EPA is working with state and local officials in encouraging Flint residents to take [ [HYPERLINK "http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/13370741e2fad41885257f4d00032c1b!OpenDocument"](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/13370741e2fad41885257f4d00032c1b!OpenDocument) ] that may have accumulated in faucet aerators, hot water heaters, and whole-house water filtration systems since this debris can affect water quality including lead levels.
- EPA teams are collecting drinking water samples from Flint homeowners to better understand how lead is behaving in the plumbing in their homes and to ensure proper corrosion control is being restored in the drinking water system in order to lower lead levels. The samples are sent to an EPA laboratory for analysis and the preliminary results are shared with individual homeowners and posted to a publicly accessible website.
- NSF-certified lead-removal filters are being distributed in Flint by the State of Michigan to remove lead from household water and make it safe for people to drink. These filters are certified by NSF for use with water containing lead levels up to 150 parts per billion. Residents are encouraged to have their home water tested. EPA began sampling drinking water in households with known lead levels of 100 parts per billion or higher, in order to verify the effectiveness of these filters at removing lead at high concentrations.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-funded agency on aging in Michigan is organizing local meetings and distributing water bottles and water filters to home-delivered meal recipients. The agency is coordinating with Genesee County to assist seniors who need help installing water filters.
- EPA is working with drinking water system operators at the City of Flint treatment plant. EPA continues to collect chlorine samples at locations throughout the city system, with a

focus on locations that would be the most likely to have lower chlorine levels, to ensure that chlorine concentrations in the system are sufficient. EPA is posting preliminary water quality data about chlorine levels in Flint's drinking water, as well as an interactive map of sampling results in Flint. The map includes data from initial chlorine testing, and as additional and final data becomes available, EPA will post the sampling locations (not addresses) and data to the map. The map is available at [ [HYPERLINK](http://www.epa.gov/flint)

["http://www.epa.gov/flint"](http://www.epa.gov/flint) ]. In locations where chlorine is not detected, EPA conducts follow-up testing for microbial contamination. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has information about [ [HYPERLINK](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water_disinfection.html)

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- EPA continues to inspect homeowner drinking water systems to determine the presence or absence of lead service lines in the water distribution system as it prepares for additional residential sampling.
- EPA is conducting an audit of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) drinking water program to examine MDEQ's implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act and related rules on lead and copper, total coliform, nitrates and ground water.
- During the week of January 17, EPA issued a Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order to ensure the state and city immediately take actions necessary to protect public health. The Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order requires the State of Michigan and City of Flint to take a series of immediate steps to address the drinking water contamination in Flint.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) helped the city secure funding for the purchase and installation of water filters.
- In mid-October, the EPA established a Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force comprised of EPA scientists who are internationally recognized experts in the field of lead in drinking water. The EPA Task Force is providing technical assistance to MDEQ and the City of Flint to implement corrosion control treatment and to develop school and residential sampling protocols.

**To help the state address near-term physical and mental health needs of children, pregnant women and families potentially impacted by lead-contaminated water:**

**New:**

- On May 11, USDA announced [ [HYPERLINK](http://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/2016/fns-000816) ["http://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/2016/fns-000816"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/2016/fns-000816) ] (Electronic Benefit Transfer) demonstration project to 23,000 more children in the greater Flint area who may have been affected by the water crisis. This announcement brings the total number of Flint area children who could benefit from Summer EBT benefits to 39,000. The Summer EBT

project provides households with children who are eligible for free and reduced priced school meals a \$30 benefit package per child, per month, on a debit-type card. The card can be redeemed at authorized vendors for specific nutritious food items, modeled after the WIC Program food benefit package. This project will help ensure that these children can continue to receive nutritious foods while school is out for the summer. In addition to the food benefits, these students will also receive information on nutritious foods that may help mitigate lead absorption.

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- On May 4, [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/05/04/hhs-awards-over-260-million-health-centers-nationwide-build-and-renovate-facilities-serve-more.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/05/04/hhs-awards-over-260-million-health-centers-nationwide-build-and-renovate-facilities-serve-more.html) ] that the Genesee Health System in Flint is receiving \$1 million of \$260 million in total funding being provided this fiscal year through the Affordable Care Act's Community Health Center Fund. Community health centers nationwide use this funding to increase their patient capacity and provide additional comprehensive primary and preventive health services to medically underserved populations.
- USDA's Food and Nutrition Service hosted a media event at the Flint Farmer's Market on Tuesday, April 26 to increase awareness of all the ways residents can leverage USDA's nutrition programs to mitigate the effects of lead on their health. The event featured presentations by state and local USDA nutrition assistance programs partners, information booths, a cooking demonstration, and a SNAP nutrition education class conducted by Michigan State University Extension. In addition, USDA partner, the Fair Food Network, announced expansion of its Double Up Food Bucks health food incentive program. The program is funded by USDA, the state of Michigan, and non-government charitable organizations.
- HHS provided \$3.5 million to expand Head Start services serving Flint residents. With this funding, the school district has expanded the length of the day for the current full-day center-based classrooms from seven hours to seven and a half hours, a change providing additional instruction for 998 children. All 51 of the new center-based openings are now filled and these new classes began March 28. Twenty additional students began receiving the expanded home-based services March 28, and four home-based openings remain.
- On April 8, USDA announced that Flint children [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true"](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true) ], which provides summertime nutrition assistance to children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year. More than 15,000 Flint students who have been affected by the water crisis will be eligible to receive a \$30 benefit package each summer month. These students will also receive information on nutritious foods that may help mitigate lead absorption.
- On March 15, a USDA Food and Nutrition Service nutritionist presented USDA nutrition information and menu planning resources with more than 45 Genesee Intermediate

School District food service staff and vendors from the Genesee County area during meeting organized by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The meeting focused on incorporating foods with the key nutrients into school meals and child care programs menu planning.

- The USDA nutritionist and MDE staff shared USDA menu planning tools and resources, including the *Recipes for Healthy Kids Cookbook*, with prize-winning recipes formatted for [ HYPERLINK "<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks-cookbook-schools>" ], [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbook-child-care-centers>" ], and [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cookbook-homes.pdf>" ]; the [ HYPERLINK "<https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/>" ]; the [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/>" ]; [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fruits-vegetables-galore-helping-kids-eat-more>" ], and the [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/certification-compliance>" ] (to help schools receive reimbursement for serving healthier school meals).
- They also shared best practices on [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sbp/school-breakfast-program-sbp>" ] expansion and maximizing federal entitlement dollars also were shared among the directors, and
- The state helped schools apply for free salad bars through the [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.saladbars2schools.org/>" ] partnership. Three schools already have been approved to receive salad bars.
- On March 11, Rear Admiral (RADM) Michelle E. Dunwoody, an assistant U.S. surgeon general, was [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/11/hhs-deploys-assistant-surgeon-general-serve-temporary-senior-advisor-flint-mayor.html>" ] to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. In this role, RADM Dunwoody is supervising a Corps-based community engagement team and working with the mayor to establish immediate-, mid-, and long-term goals for the City of Flint Public Health and Medical Recovery Plan. In addition to providing subject matter expertise in both community public health and medical infrastructure, RADM Dunwoody will work with city officials to outline a job description for an eventual full-time Flint-employed public health official.
- HHS [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-approves-major-medicare-expansion-flint.html>" ] and services to an additional 15,000 children and pregnant women, and expanded services available to 30,000 current Medicaid beneficiaries in the area. Now, children up to age 21 and pregnant women in families earning less than four times the federal poverty level will be able to receive comprehensive health and developmental services, including lead-blood level monitoring and behavioral health services, among other services.
- HHS [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-expands-head-start-in-flint.html>" ] and Early Head Start services for Flint residents, providing \$3.6 million in emergency funding to open more classrooms to help more children, lengthen the current

Head Start school year, and provide Head Start comprehensive services to 78 preschoolers enrolled in the school's special education program.

- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) responded to the state of Michigan's formal request to conduct an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help determine the cause of rashes and other skin concerns of Flint residents. NCEH/ATSDR will deploy four staff in support of the investigation, which should be complete in early Spring 2016.
- HHS U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps officers with expertise in mental health are working with the American Red Cross and Genesee County Health Department to provide Psychological First Aid training community members in Flint. The officers also are providing psychological first aid train-the-trainer sessions and stress management workshops for health care providers, behavioral health providers, and caregivers.
- On February 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is temporarily allowing Michigan to use Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funds to conduct lead testing for WIC participants. This action could lead to 3,800 WIC participants being tested for lead.
- USDA also is encouraging schools in the Flint area to adopt a provision in the National School Lunch Program known as the Community Eligibility Provision to ensure universal access to school meals for all children in the school to ensure more kids benefit from nutritious school meals.
- Over the weekend of February 6-7, USPHS Commissioned Corps officers assisted the overwhelmed Genesee County Health Department in clearing a month-long backlog of blood lead level screening results. The federal team cataloged results of almost 800 finger-prick blood tests, primarily from children, and packaged letters to parents with the test results and educational materials for mailing. In addition to providing results to parents, the data also now can be reported to the state as required. The officers were part of the team of 14 Commissioned Corps personnel that HHS [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html) ] to work with the county health department. Other officers are assisting the county's staff developing additional materials needed to answer questions from callers to the county's information hotline. Commissioned Corps officers also are helping state authorities develop information materials for distribution to Flint residents.
- HHS' Administration for Children and Families is working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families non-recurrent, short-term benefits to help eligible Flint families. These could include short-term (four months or less) payments or vouchers to low-income families with children for purchase of bottled water; and gas cards/bus passes for these families.

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated a [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/MedicationsHealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery"](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/MedicationsHealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) ] reminding consumers not to use unapproved chelating products. Products may be available over the counter or from online retailers. These products claim to remove lead from the body but none have been approved by FDA for this use.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) provided the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) a list of items available through USDA Foods that are rich in Vitamin C, iron, and calcium, highlighting the percent daily value of these nutrients. USDA Foods are healthy, high quality, 100 percent American-produced foods distributed to schools, food banks and other meal service providers to help stretch tight budgets and feed millions of Americans in need every year. This list will help MDE, the state administering agency for USDA's TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), manage its inventory and deliver USDA Foods high in the targeted nutrients to the Flint food bank. The Flint food bank will then distribute the USDA Foods to their member food pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies.
- EPA established a High Lead Homes Strike Team to obtain grab samples at homes with the highest lead levels.
- USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is allowing participants to use WIC vouchers for ready-to-feed infant formula, which does not need to be mixed with water. Participants also can swap powdered formula for ready-to-feed formula. WIC participants are being referred to the local health department for lead screenings and provided nutrition education on mitigating lead absorption through dietary changes.
- On January 25, USDA approved the Michigan Department of Education's \$62,700 request in additional funds for the USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. These funds can be used to help affected schools purchase fresh fruit and vegetables which are high in Vitamin C. Foods high in Vitamin C are among the foods recommended by the CDC that may help keep lead out of the body, along with foods high in calcium and iron.
- The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is using existing resources to help state health officials identify vulnerable populations in Flint who may need further targeted outreach and assistance.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, sponsored by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is available to provide crisis counseling and support to people – including children and families in Flint – who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Residents can call (800) 985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

**To assist the state, city and residents in understanding the potential impacts lead can have on health:**

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- EPA Community Involvement Coordinators (CIC) and public engagement staff, scientists, and regional and headquarters staff have made over 514 visits to more than 440 locations throughout Flint to distribute information and speak with residents. CIC teams also are talking with residents during water sampling in homes.
- Michigan State University (MSU) Cooperative Extension, partially funded by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), is providing an educational response to the situation in Flint, MI. MSU translated and developed Spanish, Arabic and Chinese versions of the 'Fight Lead with Nutrition' fact sheet.
- To date, the MSU Cooperative Extension has provided research based on how to eat healthy to prevent lead poisoning, including [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/eat\_healthy\_to\_prevent\_lead\_poisoning" ]; modified its nutrition and cooking classes to feature foods high in these nutrients and developed educational materials mitigating risk from irrigated and non-irrigated home gardens; [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what\_to\_do\_if\_you\_suspect\_lead\_poisoning\_in\_your\_domesticated\_pets" ]; and [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/lead\_poisoning\_explore\_the\_basics\_facts" ]  
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- Using the College's existing relationships with the grower community, Cooperative Extension supported the Michigan Milk Producers Association and Kroger Co., with donating and shipping 12,000 gallons of milk into the city of Flint. MSU also is working with vegetable growers to ship additional vegetables containing high calcium, iron, and vitamin C into the city. Cooperative Extension is an integral part of the Flint Downtown Farmers Market, which is serving as a hub not only for produce but also health and nutrition extension education.
- EPA continues to print fliers to be distributed to Flint residents about how they can reduce lead in the water in their homes.
- EPA sent letters to Flint homeowners notifying them of sampling results of their homes' water and what they mean.
- The National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, developed the [ HYPERLINK "https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/FlintLeadWater.pdf" ] to provide professionals, scientists and members of the public with easy access to information on the health effects of lead and lead exposure in vulnerable populations. The guide incorporates links to a variety of local, state, and federal resources, including Flint specific information. The library will continue to update and maintain this resource guide, adding new topics as needed and new links as they become available.

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**Ongoing or Completed:**

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- The Small Business Administration (SBA) on February 26 [ HYPERLINK "[https://www.sba.gov/content/obama-cabinet-member-small-business-announces-economic-support-package-spur-growth-flint](\"https://www.sba.gov/content/obama-cabinet-member-small-business-announces-economic-support-package-spur-growth-flint\")\" ] affected by the ongoing water crisis in Flint. This package is in addition to the SBA economic injury disaster loans made available to the Flint community earlier this month by the agency's disaster declaration.
- The SBA on February 5 approved Governor Snyder's request for low-interest disaster loans for businesses in Genesee County (which includes Flint) and the surrounding counties of Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola. The approval provides access to federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans, which are working capital loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses

engaged in aquaculture and most private, non-profit organizations. Business owners have until November 7, 2016, to apply.

- SBA opened a Business Recovery Center in Flint to administer the loans on February 10. The center is scheduled to operate through March 31.
- The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) acted on the emergency declaration for the residents of the State of Michigan due to water contamination. Although FHA typically requires lenders to ensure properties have a safe and potable supply of water, when public water systems do not meet these basic requirements, the property may still qualify for an FHA-insured mortgage if the individual water purification system meets all federal, state and local standards.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is working closely with the city on economic development and interagency coordination and successfully assisted the city with the purchase and installation of water filters. HUD had an existing lead hazard grant to Flint, targeted to lead paint, \$325,000 of which can be used for addressing the water lead contamination.
- HUD also has provided a data tracking and reporting system for the State of Michigan to use in its lead investigations.
- Since October, HUD has worked with the Flint Housing Commission (FHC) to install filters in all public housing units and provide them to all Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assisted households by the end of October. FHC has provided maintenance equipment for filters in public housing units, including providing the first round of replacement filters in January. HUD is also working to ensure 100% installation and upkeep of filters at all HUD-assisted and HUD-insured properties.
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  - Working with FHC and a local provider to schedule onsite blood lead testing for children in public housing
- HUD is exploring funding opportunities to send testers to homes of voucher users to test water and to provide filter maintenance as needed.
- President Obama on January 22 announced \$80 million available from the water infrastructure state revolving fund allocated to the State of Michigan as part of the President's enacted 2016 budget. The Administration has moved to ensure that money is available in Michigan immediately.

- In 2014, Flint was identified as one of six target cities in the second round of the Strong Cities – Strong Communities White House initiative. This program focuses on enhanced federal agency support in areas of blight reduction, public safety and economic development. Discussions are ongoing to identify opportunities for Departmental programs and initiatives to provide resources to help address the Flint water crisis and for collaboration through existing federal engagement with city, county and state agencies.

**Flint, Michigan, Water Contamination Crisis**  
**Federal support for state and local response operations**  
**May 6, 2016**

*Federal agencies continue to support state and city officials in responding to the Flint, Michigan, water crisis with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) serving as the lead federal agency responsible for coordinating the federal response efforts.*

*HHS has worked across the federal partners from across the U.S. government to mobilize the capabilities and resources of existing programs. Federal agency partners include: the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Education, and the Department of Agriculture.*

These agencies have been supporting the state and city in:

- identifying the size and scope of the problem and
- making and executing a plan to mitigate the short- and long-term health effects of lead exposure.

All efforts to date are allowable under the Departments' statutory and regulatory authorities.

**To help the state in ensuring a safe water supply and provide immediate access to safe water:**

**New:**

- Starting May 1, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Flint began a Flush for Flint month-long effort to encourage residents to run their water to get orthophosphate, the corrosion control chemical, into the service lines to remove loose lead particulate and to coat the pipes. The cost is covered by the state and residents will receive a credit on their water bill. Residents are asked to run cold water on the highest flow for five minutes each day for 14 days on both their bathtub and kitchen faucet.

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is conducting an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help find the cause of rashes and other skin concerns for Flint residents. Current test results announced March 24 indicate that Flint water [ [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/9dd82ed83d31f39a85257f80007c27b3!OpenDocument>" ]. The investigation is expected to be completed in late April or early May.

- During the week of March 27, in an effort to further inform the skin rash investigation, EPA expanded its current water sampling program in Flint homes and other points in the distribution system for metals including lead and copper, as well as organic compounds, disinfection byproducts, disinfection byproducts, including trihalomethanes (THM), and other constituents. This expanded effort includes a scientific study of the hot and cold water in the bathrooms of some homes. These data will be shared with MDHHS/CDC to inform their evaluation of possible health effects. EPA's previous testing in the Flint water distribution system, including commercial properties and schools - but not individual homes - has not found elevated levels of regulated THM.
- As of May 5, 2016, the State of Michigan has requested and FEMA has provided 9,631,549 liters of water, 243,842 water filter replacement cartridges and 50,000 water and pitcher filters in support of the response to the emergency conditions resulting from contaminated water in the city of Flint.
- EPA is working with state and local officials to conduct water testing and to reduce lead levels in tap water and provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint. Recent tests show that lead-removal filters are working as expected in Flint homes with high lead levels.
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- EPA teams are collecting drinking water samples from Flint homeowners to better understand how lead is behaving in the plumbing in their homes and to ensure proper corrosion control is being restored in the drinking water system in order to lower lead levels. The samples are sent to an EPA laboratory for analysis and the preliminary results are shared with individual homeowners and posted to a publicly accessible website.
- NSF-certified lead-removal filters are being distributed in Flint by the State of Michigan to remove lead from household water and make it safe for people to drink. These filters are certified by NSF for use with water containing lead levels up to 150 parts per billion. Residents are encouraged to have their home water tested. EPA began sampling drinking water in households with known lead levels of 100 parts per billion or higher, in order to verify the effectiveness of these filters at removing lead at high concentrations.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-funded agency on aging in Michigan is organizing local meetings and distributing water bottles and water filters to

home-delivered meal recipients. The agency is coordinating with Genesee County to assist seniors who need help installing water filters.

- EPA is working with drinking water system operators at the City of Flint treatment plant. EPA continues to collect chlorine samples at locations throughout the city system, with a focus on locations that would be the most likely to have lower chlorine levels, to ensure that chlorine concentrations in the system are sufficient. EPA is posting preliminary water quality data about chlorine levels in Flint's drinking water, as well as an interactive map of sampling results in Flint. The map includes data from initial chlorine testing, and as additional and final data becomes available, EPA will post the sampling locations (not addresses) and data to the map. The map is available at [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.epa.gov/flint>" ]. In locations where chlorine is not detected, EPA conducts follow-up testing for microbial contamination. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has information about [ HYPERLINK "[http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water\\_disinfection.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water_disinfection.html)" ] and health available for the public.
- EPA continues to inspect homeowner drinking water systems to determine the presence or absence of lead service lines in the water distribution system as it prepares for additional residential sampling.
- EPA is conducting an audit of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) drinking water program to examine MDEQ's implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act and related rules on lead and copper, total coliform, nitrates and ground water.
- During the week of January 17, EPA issued a Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order to ensure the state and city immediately take actions necessary to protect public health. The Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order requires the State of Michigan and City of Flint to take a series of immediate steps to address the drinking water contamination in Flint.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) helped the city secure funding for the purchase and installation of water filters.
- In mid-October, the EPA established a Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force comprised of EPA scientists who are internationally recognized experts in the field of lead in drinking water. The EPA Task Force is providing technical assistance to MDEQ and the City of Flint to implement corrosion control treatment and to develop school and residential sampling protocols.

**To help the state address near-term physical and mental health needs of children, pregnant women and families potentially impacted by lead-contaminated water:**

**New:**

- On May 4, HHS announced that the Genesee Health System in Flint is receiving \$1 million of \$260 million in total funding being provided this fiscal year through the Affordable Care Act's Community Health Center Fund. Community health centers nationwide use this funding to increase their patient capacity and provide additional comprehensive primary and preventive health services to medically underserved populations.

#### **Ongoing or Completed:**

- USDA's Food and Nutrition Service hosted a media event at the Flint Farmer's Market on Tuesday, April 26 to increase awareness of all the ways residents can leverage USDA's nutrition programs to mitigate the effects of lead on their health. The event featured presentations by state and local USDA nutrition assistance programs partners, information booths, a cooking demonstration, and a SNAP nutrition education class conducted by Michigan State University Extension. In addition, USDA partner, the Fair Food Network, announced expansion of its Double Up Food Bucks health food incentive program. The program is funded by USDA, the state of Michigan, and non-government charitable organizations.
- HHS provided \$3.5 million to expand Head Start services serving Flint residents. With this funding, the school district has expanded the length of the day for the current full-day center-based classrooms from seven hours to seven and a half hours, a change providing additional instruction for 998 children. All 51 of the new center-based openings are now filled and these new classes began March 28. Twenty additional students began receiving the expanded home-based services March 28, and four home-based openings remain.
- On April 8, USDA announced that Flint children [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true"](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true) ], which provides summertime nutrition assistance to children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year. More than 15,000 Flint students who have been affected by the water crisis will be eligible to receive a \$30 benefit package each summer month. These students will also receive information on nutritious foods that may help mitigate lead absorption.
- On March 15, a USDA Food and Nutrition Service nutritionist presented USDA nutrition information and menu planning resources with more than 45 Genesee Intermediate School District food service staff and vendors from the Genesee County area during meeting organized by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The meeting focused on incorporating foods with the key nutrients into school meals and child care programs menu planning.
  - The USDA nutritionist and MDE staff shared USDA menu planning tools and resources, including the *Recipes for Healthy Kids Cookbook*, with prize-winning recipes formatted for [ [HYPERLINK "http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks-cookbook-schools"](http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks-cookbook-schools) ], [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbook-child-care-centers"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbook-child-care-centers) ], and [

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- They also shared best practices on [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sbp/school-breakfast-program-sbp>" ] expansion and maximizing federal entitlement dollars also were shared among the directors, and
  - The state helped schools apply for free salad bars through the [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.saladbars2schools.org/>" ] partnership. Three schools already have been approved to receive salad bars.
- On March 11, Rear Admiral (RADM) Michelle E. Dunwoody, an assistant U.S. surgeon general, was [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/11/hhs-deploys-assistant-surgeon-general-serve-temporary-senior-advisor-flint-mayor.html>" ] to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. In this role, RADM Dunwoody is supervising a Corps-based community engagement team and working with the mayor to establish immediate-, mid-, and long-term goals for the City of Flint Public Health and Medical Recovery Plan. In addition to providing subject matter expertise in both community public health and medical infrastructure, RADM Dunwoody will work with city officials to outline a job description for an eventual full-time Flint-employed public health official.
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  - HHS [ HYPERLINK "<http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-expands-head-start-in-flint.html>" ] and Early Head Start services for Flint residents, providing \$3.6 million in emergency funding to open more classrooms to help more children, lengthen the current Head Start school year, and provide Head Start comprehensive services to 78 preschoolers enrolled in the school's special education program.
  - CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) responded to the state of Michigan's formal request to conduct an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help determine the cause of rashes and other skin concerns of Flint residents. NCEH/ATSDR will deploy four staff in support of the investigation, which should be complete in early Spring 2016.
  - HHS U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps officers with expertise in mental health are working with the American Red Cross and Genesee County Health Department to provide Psychological First Aid training community members in Flint.

The officers also are providing psychological first aid train-the-trainer sessions and stress management workshops for health care providers, behavioral health providers, and caregivers.

- On February 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is temporarily allowing Michigan to use Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funds to conduct lead testing for WIC participants. This action could lead to 3,800 WIC participants being tested for lead.
- USDA also is encouraging schools in the Flint area to adopt a provision in the National School Lunch Program known as the Community Eligibility Provision to ensure universal access to school meals for all children in the school to ensure more kids benefit from nutritious school meals.
- Over the weekend of February 6-7, USPHS Commissioned Corps officers assisted the overwhelmed Genesee County Health Department in clearing a month-long backlog of blood lead level screening results. The federal team cataloged results of almost 800 finger-prick blood tests, primarily from children, and packaged letters to parents with the test results and educational materials for mailing. In addition to providing results to parents, the data also now can be reported to the state as required. The officers were part of the team of 14 Commissioned Corps personnel that HHS [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html) ] to work with the county health department. Other officers are assisting the county's staff developing additional materials needed to answer questions from callers to the county's information hotline. Commissioned Corps officers also are helping state authorities develop information materials for distribution to Flint residents.
- HHS' Administration for Children and Families is working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families non-recurrent, short-term benefits to help eligible Flint families. These could include short-term (four months or less) payments or vouchers to low-income families with children for purchase of bottled water; and gas cards/bus passes for these families.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated a [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/MedicationsHealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery"](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/MedicationsHealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) ] reminding consumers not to use unapproved chelating products. Products may be available over the counter or from online retailers. These products claim to remove lead from the body but none have been approved by FDA for this use.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) provided the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) a list of items available through USDA Foods that are rich in Vitamin C, iron, and calcium, highlighting the percent daily value of these nutrients. USDA Foods are healthy, high quality, 100 percent American-produced foods distributed to schools, food banks and other meal service providers to help stretch tight budgets and feed

millions of Americans in need every year. This list will help MDE, the state administering agency for USDA's TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), manage its inventory and deliver USDA Foods high in the targeted nutrients to the Flint food bank. The Flint food bank will then distribute the USDA Foods to their member food pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies.

- EPA established a High Lead Homes Strike Team to obtain grab samples at homes with the highest lead levels.
- USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is allowing participants to use WIC vouchers for ready-to-feed infant formula, which does not need to be mixed with water. Participants also can swap powdered formula for ready-to-feed formula. WIC participants are being referred to the local health department for lead screenings and provided nutrition education on mitigating lead absorption through dietary changes.
- On January 25, USDA approved the Michigan Department of Education's \$62,700 request in additional funds for the USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. These funds can be used to help affected schools purchase fresh fruit and vegetables which are high in Vitamin C. Foods high in Vitamin C are among the foods recommended by the CDC that may help keep lead out of the body, along with foods high in calcium and iron.
- The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is using existing resources to help state health officials identify vulnerable populations in Flint who may need further targeted outreach and assistance.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, sponsored by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is available to provide crisis counseling and support to people – including children and families in Flint – who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Residents can call (800) 985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

**To assist the state, city and residents in understanding the potential impacts lead can have on health:**

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- EPA Community Involvement Coordinators (CIC) and public engagement staff, scientists, and regional and headquarters staff have made over 514 visits to more than 440 locations throughout Flint to distribute information and speak with residents. CIC teams also are talking with residents during water sampling in homes.
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to the situation in Flint, MI. MSU translated and developed Spanish, Arabic and Chinese versions of the 'Fight Lead with Nutrition' fact sheet.

- To date, the MSU Cooperative Extension has provided research based on how to eat healthy to prevent lead poisoning, including [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/eat\_healthy\_to\_prevent\_lead\_poisoning" ]; modified its nutrition and cooking classes to feature foods high in these nutrients and developed educational materials mitigating risk from irrigated and non-irrigated home gardens; [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what\_to\_do\_if\_you\_suspect\_lead\_poisoning\_in\_your\_domesticated\_pets" ]; and [ HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/lead\_poisoning\_explore\_the\_basics\_facts" ] \t "extWindow" \o "External link or third-party site, opens in new window." ].
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- HUD also has provided a data tracking and reporting system for the State of Michigan to use in its lead investigations.
- Since October, HUD has worked with the Flint Housing Commission (FHC) to install filters in all public housing units and provide them to all Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assisted households by the end of October. FHC has provided maintenance equipment for filters in public housing units, including providing the first round of replacement filters in January. HUD is also working to ensure 100% installation and upkeep of filters at all HUD-assisted and HUD-insured properties.
- HUD also is working with FHC to provide resources and access for FHC residents including:
  - Working with local partners to have water delivered to public housing locations where seniors and disabled residents did not have the mobility to visit the city water resource centers
  - Paying for private testing of FHC units to determine the level of lead exposure in units and determine how best to address. Testing is underway now and results should be available in late February/early March
  - Working with FHC and a local provider to schedule onsite blood lead testing for children in public housing
- HUD is exploring funding opportunities to send testers to homes of voucher users to test water and to provide filter maintenance as needed.
- President Obama on January 22 announced \$80 million available from the water infrastructure state revolving fund allocated to the State of Michigan as part of the President's enacted 2016 budget. The Administration has moved to ensure that money is available in Michigan immediately.
- In 2014, Flint was identified as one of six target cities in the second round of the Strong Cities – Strong Communities White House initiative. This program focuses on enhanced federal agency support in areas of blight reduction, public safety and economic development. Discussions are ongoing to identify opportunities for Departmental programs and initiatives to provide resources to help address the Flint water crisis and for collaboration through existing federal engagement with city, county and state agencies.

**Flint, Michigan, Water Contamination Crisis**  
**Federal support for state and local response operations**  
**April 29, 2016**

*Federal agencies continue to support state and city officials in responding to the Flint, Michigan, water crisis with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) serving as the lead federal agency responsible for coordinating the federal response efforts.*

*HHS has worked across the federal partners from across the U.S. government to mobilize the capabilities and resources of existing programs. Federal agency partners include: the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Education, and the Department of Agriculture.*

These agencies have been supporting the state and city in:

- identifying the size and scope of the problem and
- making and executing a plan to mitigate the short- and long-term health effects of lead exposure.

All efforts to date are allowable under the Departments' statutory and regulatory authorities.

**To help the state in ensuring a safe water supply and provide immediate access to safe water:**

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is conducting an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help find the cause of rashes and other skin concerns for Flint residents. Current test results announced March 24 indicate that Flint water [ [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/9dd82ed83d31f39a85257f80007c27b3!OpenDocument"](https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a5792a626c8dac098525735900400c2d/9dd82ed83d31f39a85257f80007c27b3!OpenDocument) ]. The investigation is expected to be completed in late April or early May.
- During the week of March 27, in an effort to further inform the skin rash investigation, EPA expanded its current water sampling program in Flint homes and other points in the distribution system for metals including lead and copper, as well as organic compounds, disinfection byproducts, disinfection byproducts, including trihalomethanes (THM), and other constituents. This expanded effort includes a scientific study of the hot and cold water in the bathrooms of some homes. These data will be shared with MDHHS/CDC to

inform their evaluation of possible health effects. EPA's previous testing in the Flint water distribution system, including commercial properties and schools - but not individual homes - has not found elevated levels of regulated THM.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on March 25 extended its agreement to purchase water, filter cartridges, filters and test kits through August 14. As of April 22, 2016, the following commodities were requested by and provided to the state of Michigan in support of the response to the emergency conditions resulting from contaminated water in the city of Flint: 7,328,269 liters of water, 243,842 water filter replacement cartridges and 50,000 water and pitcher filters.
- EPA is working with state and local officials to conduct water testing and to reduce lead levels in tap water and provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint. Recent tests show that lead-removal filters are working as expected in Flint homes with high lead levels.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working with state and local officials in encouraging Flint residents to take [ [HYPERLINK "http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/13370741e2fad41885257f4d00032c1b!OpenDocument"](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/13370741e2fad41885257f4d00032c1b!OpenDocument) ] that may have accumulated in faucet aerators, hot water heaters, and whole-house water filtration systems since this debris can affect water quality including lead levels.
- EPA teams are collecting drinking water samples from Flint homeowners to better understand how lead is behaving in the plumbing in their homes and to ensure proper corrosion control is being restored in the drinking water system in order to lower lead levels. The samples are sent to an EPA laboratory for analysis and the preliminary results are shared with individual homeowners and posted to a publicly accessible website.
- NSF-certified lead-removal filters are being distributed in Flint by the State of Michigan to remove lead from household water and make it safe for people to drink. These filters are certified by NSF for use with water containing lead levels up to 150 parts per billion. Residents are encouraged to have their home water tested. EPA began sampling drinking water in households with known lead levels of 100 parts per billion or higher, in order to verify the effectiveness of these filters at removing lead at high concentrations.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-funded agency on aging in Michigan is organizing local meetings and distributing water bottles and water filters to home-delivered meal recipients. The agency is coordinating with Genesee County to assist seniors who need help installing water filters.
- EPA is working with drinking water system operators at the City of Flint treatment plant. EPA continues to collect chlorine samples at locations throughout the city system, with a focus on locations that would be the most likely to have lower chlorine levels, to ensure that chlorine concentrations in the system are sufficient. EPA is posting preliminary water quality data about chlorine levels in Flint's drinking water, as well as an interactive map of sampling results in Flint. The map includes data from initial chlorine testing, and

as additional and final data becomes available, EPA will post the sampling locations (not addresses) and data to the map. The map is available at [ [HYPERLINK](#)

"<http://www.epa.gov/flint>" ]. In locations where chlorine is not detected, EPA conducts follow-up testing for microbial contamination. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has information about [ [HYPERLINK](#)

"[http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water\\_disinfection.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/water_disinfection.html)" ] and health available for the public.

- EPA continues to inspect homeowner drinking water systems to determine the presence or absence of lead service lines in the water distribution system as it prepares for additional residential sampling.
- EPA is conducting an audit of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) drinking water program to examine MDEQ's implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act and related rules on lead and copper, total coliform, nitrates and ground water.
- During the week of January 17, EPA issued a Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order to ensure the state and city immediately take actions necessary to protect public health. The Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order requires the State of Michigan and City of Flint to take a series of immediate steps to address the drinking water contamination in Flint.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) helped the city secure funding for the purchase and installation of water filters.
- In mid-October, the EPA established a Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force comprised of EPA scientists who are internationally recognized experts in the field of lead in drinking water. The EPA Task Force is providing technical assistance to MDEQ and the City of Flint to implement corrosion control treatment and to develop school and residential sampling protocols.

**To help the state address near-term physical and mental health needs of children, pregnant women and families potentially impacted by lead-contaminated water:**

**New:**

- USDA's Food and Nutrition Service hosted a media event at the Flint Farmer's Market on Tuesday, April 26 to increase awareness of all the ways residents can leverage USDA's nutrition programs to mitigate the effects of lead on their health. The event featured presentations by state and local USDA nutrition assistance programs partners, information booths, a cooking demonstration, and a SNAP nutrition education class conducted by Michigan State University Extension. In addition, USDA partner, the Fair Food Network, announced expansion of its Double Up Food Bucks health food incentive program. The program is funded by USDA, the state of Michigan, and non-government charitable organizations.

### Ongoing or Completed:

- HHS provided \$3.5 million to expand Head Start services serving Flint residents. With this funding, the school district has expanded the length of the day for the current full-day center-based classrooms from seven hours to seven and a half hours, a change providing additional instruction for 998 children. All 51 of the new center-based openings are now filled and these new classes began March 28. Twenty additional students began receiving the expanded home-based services March 28, and four home-based openings remain.
- On April 8, USDA announced that Flint children [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true"](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2016/04/0087.xml&contentidonly=true) ], which provides summertime nutrition assistance to children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year. More than 15,000 Flint students who have been affected by the water crisis will be eligible to receive a \$30 benefit package each summer month. These students will also receive information on nutritious foods that may help mitigate lead absorption.
- On March 15, a USDA Food and Nutrition Service nutritionist presented USDA nutrition information and menu planning resources with more than 45 Genesee Intermediate School District food service staff and vendors from the Genesee County area during meeting organized by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The meeting focused on incorporating foods with the key nutrients into school meals and child care programs menu planning.
  - The USDA nutritionist and MDE staff shared USDA menu planning tools and resources, including the *Recipes for Healthy Kids Cookbook*, with prize-winning recipes formatted for [ [HYPERLINK "http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks-cookbook-schools"](http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbooks-cookbook-schools) ], [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbook-child-care-centers"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-healthy-kids-cookbook-child-care-centers) ], and [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cookbook-homes.pdf"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cookbook-homes.pdf) ]; the [ [HYPERLINK "https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/"](https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/) ]; the [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/"](http://www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/) ]; [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fruits-vegetables-galore-helping-kids-eat-more"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fruits-vegetables-galore-helping-kids-eat-more) ], and the [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/certification-compliance"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/certification-compliance) ] (to help schools receive reimbursement for serving healthier school meals).
  - They also shared best practices on [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fns.usda.gov/sbp/school-breakfast-program-sbp"](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sbp/school-breakfast-program-sbp) ] expansion and maximizing federal entitlement dollars also were shared among the directors, and
  - The state helped schools apply for free salad bars through the [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.saladbars2schools.org/"](http://www.saladbars2schools.org/) ] partnership. Three schools already have been approved to receive salad bars.
- On March 11, Rear Admiral (RADM) Michelle E. Dunwoody, an assistant U.S. surgeon general, was [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/11/hhs-deploys-assistant-surgeon-general-serve-temporary-senior-advisor-flint-mayor.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/11/hhs-deploys-assistant-surgeon-general-serve-temporary-senior-advisor-flint-mayor.html) ] to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. In this role, RADM Dunwoody is supervising a Corps-based community engagement team and working with the mayor to establish immediate-, mid-, and long-

term goals for the City of Flint Public Health and Medical Recovery Plan. In addition to providing subject matter expertise in both community public health and medical infrastructure, RADM Dunwoody will work with city officials to outline a job description for an eventual full-time Flint-employed public health official.

- HHS [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-approves-major-medicare-expansion-flint.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-approves-major-medicare-expansion-flint.html) ] and services to an additional 15,000 children and pregnant women, and expanded services available to 30,000 current Medicaid beneficiaries in the area. Now, children up to age 21 and pregnant women in families earning less than four times the federal poverty level will be able to receive comprehensive health and developmental services, including lead-blood level monitoring and behavioral health services, among other services.
- HHS [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-expands-head-start-in-flint.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/03/02/hhs-expands-head-start-in-flint.html) ] and Early Head Start services for Flint residents, providing \$3.6 million in emergency funding to open more classrooms to help more children, lengthen the current Head Start school year, and provide Head Start comprehensive services to 78 preschoolers enrolled in the school's special education program.
- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) responded to the state of Michigan's formal request to conduct an Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) investigation to help determine the cause of rashes and other skin concerns of Flint residents. NCEH/ATSDR will deploy four staff in support of the investigation, which should be complete in early Spring 2016.
- HHS U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps officers with expertise in mental health are working with the American Red Cross and Genesee County Health Department to provide Psychological First Aid training community members in Flint. The officers also are providing psychological first aid train-the-trainer sessions and stress management workshops for health care providers, behavioral health providers, and caregivers.
- On February 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is temporarily allowing Michigan to use Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funds to conduct lead testing for WIC participants. This action could lead to 3,800 WIC participants being tested for lead.
- USDA also is allowing schools in the Flint area to adopt a provision in the National School Lunch Program known as the Community Eligibility Provision to ensure universal access to school meals for all children in the school to ensure more kids benefit from nutritious school meals.
- Over the weekend of February 6-7, USPHS Commissioned Corps officers assisted the overwhelmed Genesee County Health Department in clearing a month-long backlog of blood lead level screening results. The federal team cataloged results of almost 800 finger-prick blood tests, primarily from children, and packaged letters to parents with the test results and educational materials for mailing. In addition to providing results to

parents, the data also now can be reported to the state as required. The officers were part of the team of 14 Commissioned Corps personnel that HHS [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html"](http://www.hhs.gov/ash/news/2016/20160203-usphs-to-aid-flint-residents.html) ] to work with the county health department. Other officers are assisting the county's staff developing additional materials needed to answer questions from callers to the county's information hotline. Commissioned Corps officers also are helping state authorities develop information materials for distribution to Flint residents.

- HHS' Administration for Children and Families is working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families non-recurrent, short-term benefits to help eligible Flint families. These could include short-term (four months or less) payments or vouchers to low-income families with children for purchase of bottled water; and gas cards/bus passes for these families.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated a [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/Medications/HealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery"](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/Medications/HealthFraud/ucm229313.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) ] reminding consumers not to use unapproved chelating products. Products may be available over the counter or from online retailers. These products claim to remove lead from the body but none have been approved by FDA for this use.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) provided the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) a list of items available through USDA Foods that are rich in Vitamin C, iron, and calcium, highlighting the percent daily value of these nutrients. USDA Foods are healthy, high quality, 100 percent American-produced foods distributed to schools, food banks and other meal service providers to help stretch tight budgets and feed millions of Americans in need every year. This list will help MDE, the state administering agency for USDA's TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), manage its inventory and deliver USDA Foods high in the targeted nutrients to the Flint food bank. The Flint food bank will then distribute the USDA Foods to their member food pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies.
- EPA established a High Lead Homes Strike Team to obtain grab samples at homes with the highest lead levels.
- USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is allowing participants to use WIC vouchers for ready-to-feed infant formula, which does not need to be mixed with water. Participants also can swap powdered formula for ready-to-feed formula. WIC participants are being referred to the local health department for lead screenings and provided nutrition education on mitigating lead absorption through dietary changes.
- On January 25, USDA approved the Michigan Department of Education's \$62,700 request in additional funds for the USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. These funds can be used to help affected schools purchase foods high in Vitamin C. Foods high

in Vitamin C are among the foods recommended by the CDC that may help keep lead out of the body, along with foods high in calcium and iron.

- The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is using existing resources to help state health officials identify vulnerable populations in Flint who may need further targeted outreach and assistance.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, sponsored by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is available to provide crisis counseling and support to people – including children and families in Flint – who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Residents can call (800) 985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

**To assist the state, city and residents in understanding the potential impacts lead can have on health:**

**Ongoing or Completed:**

- EPA Community Involvement Coordinators and public engagement staff, scientists, and regional and headquarters staff have made over 300 visits to approximately 230 locations throughout Flint to distribute information and speak with residents. CIC teams also are talking with residents during water sampling in homes.
- Michigan State University (MSU) Cooperative Extension, partially funded by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), is providing an educational response to the situation in Flint, MI. MSU translated and developed Spanish, Arabic and Chinese versions of the 'Fight Lead with Nutrition' fact sheet.
- To date, the MSU Cooperative Extension has provided research based on how to eat healthy to prevent lead poisoning, including [ [HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/eat\\_healthy\\_to\\_prevent\\_lead\\_poisoning"](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/eat_healthy_to_prevent_lead_poisoning) ]; modified its nutrition and cooking classes to feature foods high in these nutrients and developed educational materials mitigating risk from irrigated and non-irrigated home gardens; [ [HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what\\_to\\_do\\_if\\_you\\_suspect\\_lead\\_poisoning\\_in\\_your\\_domesticated\\_pets"](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what_to_do_if_you_suspect_lead_poisoning_in_your_domesticated_pets) ]; and [ [HYPERLINK "http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/lead\\_poisoning\\_explore\\_the\\_basics\\_facts"](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/lead_poisoning_explore_the_basics_facts) ].
- Using the College's existing relationships with the grower community, Cooperative Extension supported the Michigan Milk Producers Association and Kroger Co., with donating and shipping 12,000 gallons of milk into the city of Flint. MSU also is working with vegetable growers to ship additional vegetables containing high calcium, iron, and vitamin C into the city. Cooperative Extension is an integral part of the Flint Downtown Farmers Market, which is serving as a hub not only for produce but also health and nutrition extension education.

- EPA printed more than 20,000 additional fliers to be distributed to Flint residents about how they can reduce lead in the water in their homes.
- EPA sent letters to Flint homeowners notifying them of sampling results of their homes' water and what they mean.
- The National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, developed the [ [HYPERLINK "https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/FlintLeadWater.pdf"](https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/FlintLeadWater.pdf) ] to provide professionals, scientists and members of the public with easy access to information on the health effects of lead and lead exposure in vulnerable populations. The guide incorporates links to a variety of local, state, and federal resources, including Flint specific information. The library will continue to update and maintain this resource guide, adding new topics as needed and new links as they become available.
- USDA continues coordinating increased nutrition education efforts in Flint among the state administered USDA Food and Nutrition Service program providers [e.g., Child and Adult Care Food Program, SNAP Nutrition Education, food banks], community-based partner organizations and farmers' markets on important foods to consume to mitigate lead absorption. USDA nutrition programs provide not just nutritious food but also nutrition education for a large number of Flint infants, children and adults. This education information ensures local schools and child care and day care operators serving meals under USDA school meals and its Child and Adult Care Food Program continue to provide children the healthiest possible meals and share information with parents about preparing meals at home. SNAP Nutrition Education funding (SNAP-Ed) and SNAP-authorized farmers markets help disseminate nutrition guidance and increase SNAP participants' knowledge of how to optimize their diets.
- To date, SNAP-Ed has distributed more than 10,000 copies of nutrition-lead resources in the Flint area. Additional booklets are being printed, with revised recipes for the next wave of distribution, as well as a Spanish version. This information captures not only the target foods to mitigate lead absorption but also provides helpful information on other food resources for Flint residents.
- The CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is providing technical assistance to the state on lead exposure, and water sampling protocols. CDC and ASTDR are working with the state to determine the number of children exposed to lead in Flint to ensure that children who should be screened are getting screened.
- FDA's local office assessed potential impacts on FDA-regulated industries in the Flint area, including human food and animal feed production. No impacts were found, and FDA continues to assess and monitor the situation.
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- HHS deployed experts to Flint to provide public health assistance in the areas of health surveillance and monitoring, behavioral health, and risk communications.
- HHS Health Resources and Services Administration-funded health centers in the Flint area are offering lead testing, conducting outreach and educational sessions, and providing primary care and behavioral health services to their patients and communities.
- The HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are working with their grantees in the area to disseminate public health education through Head Start, Community Health Centers and other programs to help families understand the risks of lead in the water, encouraging residents to have their children screened, and assisting families in obtaining screening for their children. Medicaid regularly requires that all Medicaid-eligible children up to age 6 be tested for lead poisoning; treatment for these children is covered under Medicaid. As a diagnostic benefit, home investigations for Medicaid-eligible children also are covered under Medicaid. The state can expedite enrollment into Medicaid for eligible children in need of immediate medical attention.
- The National Institutes of Health has an expedited process for reviewing research proposals and funding grants to address environmental emergencies, such as the lead-contaminated water crisis in Flint. The NIH is soliciting these research proposals now. Additionally, the new NIH Disaster Research Response initiative is working to improve research tools, protocols, and training necessary to conduct time-critical health research in response to disasters.
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  - Since October, HUD has worked with the Flint Housing Commission (FHC) to install filters in all public housing units and provide them to all Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assisted households by the end of October. FHC has provided maintenance equipment for filters in public housing units, including providing the first round of replacement filters in January. HUD is also working to ensure 100% installation and upkeep of filters at all HUD-assisted and HUD-insured properties.
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    - Working with local partners to have water delivered to public housing locations where seniors and disabled residents did not have the mobility to visit the city water resource centers

- Paying for private testing of FHC units to determine the level of lead exposure in units and determine how best to address. Testing is underway now and results should be available in late February/early March
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<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2016/04/epa-sends-clean-energy-incentive-program-to-omb-for-review-071110>

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Niebling,  
William  
<[Niebling.William@epa.gov](mailto:Niebling.William@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bailey,  
KevinJ  
<[Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov](mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov)>

**Subject:**

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Message

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**From:** Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/3/2014 1:59:28 PM  
**To:** Bee, Briana [Bee.Briana@epa.gov]; Cyran, Carissa [Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Today's press conference -- CLOSE HOLD from DOJ

**Importance:** High

Please note -- Because these negotiations were down to the wire, it is extremely important to keep this press conf/announcement close hold until 3 p.m. We should not be telling press anything about a press conf happening prior to the media advisory, which will go out about 12 noon, and nothing about the settlement until the press conference. No off record confirmations, etc

Laura L. Gentile  
Senior Communications Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
Washington, DC

Desk 202.564.3158

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**From:** Gentile, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 9:53 AM  
**To:** 'Briana'; Cyran, Carissa; Hull, George; Jones, Enesta; Valentine, Julia  
**Cc:** Conger, Nick  
**Subject:** OECA Press Update - Thursday

OECA UPDATE – Thurs AM

**TODAY -- Cynthia is planning to participate in a press conference this afternoon (3-4 range) at DOJ. Nick and I have been coordinating with Tom on logistics and messaging. DOJ will issue a national release with several quotes, including one for our AA. Considering the late timing on this, we are not preparing a national release. We are working with regions to get out local messages and we are also developing a messaging document. -- (Anadarko / Tronox) Landmark Superfund cleanup settlement that will provide at least \$4.35 billion for cleanups at thousands of contaminated sites around the country that include mines and tribal lands.**

Next week (April 7-11)

(Thurs, 4/10) -- (Lowe's Home Centers) One of the nation's largest home improvement retailers has agreed to implement a comprehensive, corporate-wide compliance program at its 1,700 stores nationwide to ensure its subcontractors comply with the lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule to minimize lead dust from home renovation activities, the EPA and DOJ announced today. A priority for EPA's enforcement program is to protect children, and others, from exposure to lead dust that can cause lead poisoning by ensuring that renovators follow the RRP and other lead rules.

**PLEASE NOTE - The summaries above include the names of the cases in parentheses. Please note that this information is enforcement confidential and should not be shared with anyone outside of the public affairs office.**

Laura L. Gentile  
Senior Communications Advisor

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Washington, DC

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Message

**From:** McMichael, Nate [McMichael.Nate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/17/2014 9:12:45 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fw: EPA edits/comments on 2/18 fact sheet and Q&A  
**Attachments:** DOT and EPA Internal Q&A 2.16.14.docx; Draft Trucks Fact Sheet - 021614 EPA edits 11am.docx

Fyi

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From: Millett, John  
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 9:54:19 AM  
To: Aguirre, Amanda; Samy, Kevin; McMichael, Nate  
Subject: Fw: EPA edits/comments on 2/18 fact sheet and Q&A

Fyi -- the latest I've seen --

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From: Hengst, Benjamin  
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2014 12:56:51 PM  
To: McConville, Drew; [REDACTED] Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
Cc: Grundler, Christopher; Millett, John; Reynolds, Thomas; Spears, Matthew; james.tamm@dot.gov; Charmley, William; Meghan.Keck@dot.gov; daniel.smith@dot.gov  
Subject: EPA edits/comments on 2/18 fact sheet and Q&A

All: EPA's edits and comments on the fact sheet and Q&A document are attached. Thanks, Ben

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From: Zaidi, Ali [REDACTED] Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 6:36 PM  
To: Racusen, Rachel; Bond, Brian; Hengst, Benjamin; Ledbetter, Howli J.; 'david.friedman@dot.gov'; Utech, Dan G.; Kawahata, Molly; Lehrich, Matt; Patel, Rohan; Tuss, Taryn L.; McConville, Drew; [REDACTED] Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP); Brundage, Amy; McCabe, Janet; Khan, Omar; Reynolds, Thomas; Aoife.Mccarthy@Hq.Doe.Gov; Vaught, Laura; Meghan.Keck@dot.gov; Niketa.Kumar@Hq.Doe.Gov; Grundler, Christopher  
Cc: Miller, Jason; Maher, Jess; Minsk, Ron; Cohen, David; Twigg, Carri; Matusiak, Ari; Bauserman, Trent; Hochstrasser, Franz; Robertson, Michael; Jonathan Levy (Jonathan.Levy@hq.doe.gov); Carr, Mike (Mike.Carr@ee.Doe.Gov); Starr, Kodiak H.; Carroll, Brad  
Subject: RE: Close Hold -- Notional Rollout Plan for Tuesday's Announcement

Thank you all for your inputs. The draft factsheet and standard-specific Q/A are attached. Folks should send me, Rachel, and Roque edits by Sunday 10am on these.

I still owe this chain a draft of the "report," but – sadly – I don't think we'll have that around until mid-day tomorrow or so. In large part, the report will build on this factsheet and previously cleared Administration documents. Folks should plan to take a look by Monday 7am on that doc.

Thanks.

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From: Racusen, Rachel  
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 3:01 PM  
To: Zaidi, Ali; Bond, Brian; Hengst, Benjamin; Ledbetter, Howli J.; 'david.friedman@dot.gov'; Utech, Dan G.; Kawahata, Molly; Lehrich, Matt; Patel, Rohan; Tuss, Taryn L.; McConville, Drew; Sanchez, Roque; Brundage, Amy; McCabe, Janet; Khan, Omar; Reynolds, Thomas; Aoife.Mccarthy@Hq.Doe.Gov; Vaught, Laura; Meghan.Keck@dot.gov; Niketa.Kumar@Hq.Doe.Gov; Grundler, Christopher  
Cc: Miller, Jason; Maher, Jess; Minsk, Ron; Cohen, David; Twigg, Carri; Matusiak, Ari; Bauserman, Trent; Hochstrasser, Franz; Robertson, Michael; Jonathan Levy (Jonathan.Levy@hq.doe.gov); Carr, Mike (Mike.Carr@ee.Doe.Gov)  
Subject: Close Hold -- Notional Rollout Plan for Tuesday's Announcement

All,

Following up on conversations with many of you, below is a notional rollout plan for announcing this news for Tuesday and the amplification around the event. Please keep this close hold and note that this plan will likely change between now and Monday – we'll continue to send updates as needed.

Also note that Matt Lehrich will be working with Tom Reynolds and Meg Keck on specific comms asks for Secs. McCarthy and Foxx, and we'll add those elements into the plan as needed. But the idea here is we aren't announcing the topic of the event likely until Tuesday morning at 6:00 am. If any of you are working with stakeholders who will want to put out releases/statements of support, etc on Tuesday, you should make sure they know to hold those until after 6:00 am.

Finally – folks at the agencies who handle leg, intergovernmental and other notifications should make sure they're in touch with WH counterparts (so, for example, Jess Maher in WH OLA, etc) to coordinate on notifies. We'll set a specific time on Monday when these notifications should occur and will incorporate that into the updated version of this rollout plan as we get closer.

Please let us know any questions, concerns, etc.

Rachel  
WH Communications

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ROLLOUT PLAN: HDV Announcement on Tuesday, February 18

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Zaidi, Ali  
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:56 PM  
To: Bond, Brian; Hengst, Benjamin; Ledbetter, Howli J.; 'david.friedman@dot.gov'; Utech, Dan G.; Kawahata, Molly; Lehrich, Matt; Patel, Rohan; Tuss, Taryn L.; McConville, Drew; Sanchez, Roque; Brundage, Amy; Racusen, Rachel; McCabe, Janet; Khan, Omar; Reynolds, Thomas; Aoife.Mccarthy@Hq.Doe.Gov<mailto:Aoife.Mccarthy@Hq.Doe.Gov>; Vaught, Laura; Meghan.Keck@dot.gov<mailto:Meghan.Keck@dot.gov>; Niketa.Kumar@Hq.Doe.Gov<mailto:Niketa.Kumar@Hq.Doe.Gov>; Grundler, Christopher  
Cc: Miller, Jason; Maher, Jess; Minsk, Ron; Cohen, David; Twigg, Carri; Matusiak, Ari; Bauserman, Trent; Hochstrasser, Franz; Robertson, Michael; Jonathan Levy (Jonathan.Levy@hq.doe.gov<mailto:Jonathan.Levy@hq.doe.gov>); Carr, Mike (Mike.Carr@ee.Doe.Gov<mailto:Mike.Carr@ee.Doe.Gov>)  
Subject: Follow Up: HDV Roll-Out

Team Trucks --

Here's where I think we stand:

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy [Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/21/2014 8:21:14 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Deitz, Randy [Deitz.Randy@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bassler, Rachel [Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: prior to the call, can you please confirm the ground rules about this being on background only/not for attribution?

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 4:10 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,  
Please have everyone use this call in info:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Enesta Jones**  
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations  
**Desk:** 202.564.7873  
**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 21, 2014, at 3:58 PM, "Deitz, Randy" <[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov](mailto:Deitz.Randy@epa.gov)> wrote:

OK. Thanks Enesta. If something comes up, I will let you know.

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:27 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,  
Let's do this at 10 a.m. tomorrow, thanks.

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**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:52 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta, Jen Hovis is available for a call - -

Friday, 8/22 – free 9:30 to 12 and 3-4  
Monday, 8/25 – free anytime except 10-11 and 2-3:30

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Exactly. When can he do it?

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:16 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: this is where the call with the reporter will help. All the email back and forth isn't getting us where we need to be. Can you please try again?

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:42 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,

The reporter just checked in with her contact at the GAO about the NPL site status data/ general methodology. He

looked at the figures we supplied and said some of the numbers don't match up with those they received a ways back when putting together their 2008 report. Do you know what this discrepancy might be about?

**Enesta Jones**

U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations

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On Aug 19, 2014, at 5:31 PM, "Jones, Enesta" <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nancy,

The reporter hasn't responded to my offer to speak to someone on background. She has our written response.

I'll keep you posted if I hear back from her.

**Enesta Jones**

U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 19, 2014, at 5:29 PM, "Cohen, Nancy" <[Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Enesta: Jen Hovis, OSRTI's info mgt branch chief.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

U.S. EPA OSWER

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 3:32 PM

**To:** Cohen, Nancy

**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel

**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,

Who can explain this to the reporter off the record, over the phone?

**Enesta Jones**

U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 18, 2014, at 3:07 PM, "Cohen, Nancy" <[Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Enesta: Just heard from OSRTI . . . Our recommendation is that they NOT use the GAO approach, which shows the categories as though they are additive even though they are not. GAO developed the chart entirely on their own...our

only contribution was the data. If they want to understand GAO's decision to portray the data in that fashion, then they really need to consult GAO. We recommend using the approach reflected on our website, which keeps the categories discrete and does not attempt to portray them in an additive fashion relative to one another over time.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,  
Checking in on this...as the reporter is pinging. Any update?

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 12:08 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: we may not have an answer today because OSRTI's data expert is out of the office. With all the back and forth with Nat Geo this shouldn't be a problem, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,  
They've taken a similar approach to the GAO in charting proposed/active/cc/deleted sites – they've layered them onto one bar chart. The figures they charted are the GAO numbers, to avoid the double count factor. They want to use the best numbers available - which seem like they may be the publicly available figures . Do you still advise the publicly available dataset?

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 3:41 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: Here is our advice to Nat Geo about their bar chart:

The easiest thing to always do is just what we do on the website – report Proposed + Final + Deleted sites as a total NPL Universe, and then CCs are a separate figure that is reported alongside the NPL (not a subset) because the CC figure includes a mixture of both Final and Deleted sites.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:00 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,  
See her follow-up below:

So the GAO report separates out deleted sites from cc cites, but the construction complete figure on the public database (1159) includes the deleted sites, then cites them as their own category as well? We are building a bar chart that depicts proposed, active, construction complete, and deleted figures. Would you advise using the updated GAO figures, or public figures in that case? It sounds as though the larger public figures would cause us to double count in some cases.

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:54 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: here is our response . . .

The data on the public website the requestor cites is up to date, and it is the most easily understood representation of the size of the NPL universe. However the data provided in the spreadsheet was intended to update the 2008 GAO analysis, which is a more complicated representation of the NPL. For example, the EPA website accurately states that there are currently 1159 Construction Completion (CC) sites. The spreadsheet, on the other hand, suggests that there were only 785 CC sites at the end of FY2013 because it separates out sites that are deleted, most of which are also CC. The columns in the spreadsheet are not entirely mutually exclusive, which leads to confusion. EPA prefers to represent the NPL universe in the manner consistent with our website, however in this instance, we were responding to a request to replicate the GAO approach.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:24 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: can you please resend with the attachment she references?

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:15 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Nancy,  
She has follow up:

Why is it that this publicly available NPL status database seems to vary so significantly from the spreadsheet you sent along?  
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/queryhtm/nplccl1.htm> (vs attached spreadsheet). The numbers don't align, and it seems as though the publicly available listing is up to date.

These numbers don't seem to line up, either: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm>

Does the spreadsheet you sent along depict different data?

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 11:00 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: Randy is on leave this week. I let OSRTI know.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,  
The reporter just let me know she no longer needs the info.

**Enesta Jones**  
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations  
**Desk:** 202.564.7873  
**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 8, 2014, at 3:54 PM, "Deitz, Randy" <[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov](mailto:Deitz.Randy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Here is the OSRTI response to the request for "superlatives" (see below). OSRTI is asking to respond the week of 8/18.

Identifying sites that match the superlatives Nat Geo requested is not going to be a straightforward endeavor (and for some superlatives may not be possible at all). We're going to assemble a group of SMEs to tackle the request; however, our cost/finance expert is out of the office until next week. I don't believe the request came with a deadline, and I'm wondering if we could provide our response the week of August 18?

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 5:16 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

More follow up:

Looking at the charts you sent us again, it's also clear that in several years, appropriations exceed the amount of money in the Superfund trust. Is that because appropriations draw from other sources of funding (in addition to the trust)? I had assumed those were all appropriated trust funds. In any case, can you explain how the appropriated funds could exceed the value of the Superfund trust?

On another note, today I met with editors on the story, and we would like to acknowledge a series of superlatives on the map of sites we've been building. These include:

- the longest running construction site (project that's been in the works for the longest time)
- costliest clean-up job
- site with the largest population within 1 mile
- site with the most contaminants present
- largest site

**Enesta Jones**

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On Aug 7, 2014, at 10:49 AM, "Deitz, Randy" <[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov](mailto:Deitz.Randy@epa.gov)> wrote:

You bet. I hope my explanation made sense.

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Thanks, Randy.

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**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

OECA's Office of Site Remedial Enforcement uses Superfund program estimates of cleanup remedy costs to calculate the responsible party cleanup funding commitments. These are not actual expenditure numbers (you're right, we don't know what responsible parties actually spend) but based upon preliminary studies at a site, when a responsible party reaches a settlement with EPA to clean up a site, an estimated value of completing that cleanup work is used by OECA. So, the value of the cleanup work that will be done pursuant to the settlements reached in a given fiscal year is added up to calculate the end-of-fiscal year number. The number goes up and down each fiscal year depending on the number of settlements reached and the types of sites related to those settlements. The Hudson River cleanup costs estimated pursuant to the settlement reached with GE reached into the upper hundreds of millions, while a much smaller site that only involves soil excavation may represent a cleanup cost value estimate of ten million dollars. And you're right, we don't want to double count. OECA provided a table with cost recovery numbers and cash out numbers. That is included in the OECA end-of-fiscal year estimates. So the number not in OECA tables, is the commitment number related to the estimated value of implementing and completing site cleanup by responsible parties. In effect, it is a surrogate for responsible party cleanup expenditure numbers that we will not have access to.

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:58 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,  
See below.

So the EPA tracks responsible party spending (e.g. polluter pays principle), but this is entirely separate from response settlement or cash out money included in the spreadsheet you sent along? Because that's responsible party money as well, and I had been under the impression that other responsible party spending - spending that is not coordinated with the EPA directly - was nearly impossible to track.

**Enesta Jones**  
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations  
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Message

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy [Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/21/2014 10:57:15 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Great. Please remember to mention that at the onset. talk to ya tomorrow, nancy

On Aug 21, 2014, at 6:40 PM, "Jones, Enesta" <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

It's on background, Nancy.

**Enesta Jones**

U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations

**Desk:** 202.564.7873

**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 21, 2014, at 6:37 PM, "Cohen, Nancy" <[Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Enesta: sorry to be a pest but without confirmation that this is on background we can't go forward with the call. We're planning to do it but if we don't hear by 9:45 am we'll have to pull the plug. Thanks for understanding, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 4:21 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Enesta: prior to the call, can you please confirm the ground rules about this being on background only/not for attribution?

Thanks, nancy

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 4:10 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,

Please have everyone use this call in info:

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On another note, today I met with editors on the story, and we would like to acknowledge a series of superlatives on the map of sites we've been building. These include:

- the longest running construction site (project that's been in the works for the longest time)
- costliest clean-up job
- site with the largest population within 1 mile
- site with the most contaminants present
- largest site

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On Aug 7, 2014, at 10:49 AM, "Deitz, Randy" <[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov](mailto:Deitz.Randy@epa.gov)> wrote:

You bet. I hope my explanation made sense.

Randy Deitz  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
(202) 566-0197

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Thanks, Randy.

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**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

OECA's Office of Site Remedial Enforcement uses Superfund program estimates of cleanup remedy costs to calculate the responsible party cleanup funding commitments. These are not actual expenditure numbers (you're right, we don't know what responsible parties actually spend) but based upon preliminary studies at a site, when a responsible party reaches a settlement with EPA to clean up a site, an estimated value of completing that cleanup work is used by OECA. So, the value of the cleanup work that will be done pursuant to the settlements reached in a given fiscal year is added up to calculate the end-of-fiscal year number. The number goes up and down each fiscal year depending on the number of settlements reached and the types of sites related to those settlements. The Hudson River cleanup costs estimated pursuant to the settlement reached with GE reached into the upper hundreds of millions, while a much smaller site that only involves soil excavation may represent a cleanup cost value estimate of ten million dollars. And you're right, we don't want to double count. OECA provided a table with cost recovery numbers and cash out numbers. That is included in the OECA end-of-fiscal year estimates. So the number not in OECA tables, is the commitment number related to the estimated value of implementing and completing site cleanup by responsible parties. In effect, it is a surrogate for responsible party cleanup expenditure numbers that we will not have access to.

Randy Deitz  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:58 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Allen, Laura; Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** ACTION: Nat Geo follow-up

Randy,  
See below.

So the EPA tracks responsible party spending (e.g. polluter pays principle), but this is entirely separate from response settlement or cash out money included in the spreadsheet you sent along? Because that's responsible party money as well, and I had been under the impression that other responsible party spending - spending that is not coordinated with the EPA directly - was nearly impossible to track.

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**To:** Yardley, William[William.Yardley@latimes.com]  
**From:** Jones, Enesta[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]  
**Sent:** Sat 10/17/2015 4:26:22 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re: questions from LA Times

I know. So long.  
Your versions are fine. I would just say "program director" next to Dan.

Thank you! I'll keep an eye out for the story.

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On Oct 17, 2015, at 12:24 PM, Yardley, William <[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

thx! not positive we'll be able to get all of those words in.

On Oct 17, 2015, at 9:07 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Chet Wayland, director of the air quality assessment division in EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards.

Dan Costa, national program director for Air, Climate and Energy Research in EPA's Office of Research and Development.

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On Oct 17, 2015, at 11:58 AM, Yardley, William <[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

Hey,

They are in there at the moment. It's hard to know exactly what will survive the final hurdle. It would great if I could confirm these descriptions of them:

Chet Wayland, the director of the air quality assessment division within the EPA's office of air quality planning and standards

Dan Costa, who works on air and climate issues in the EPA's Office of Research and Development

Thanks much.

Bill

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:01 AM  
**To:** Yardley, William

**Subject:** Re: questions from LA Times

Whew! Any quotes from Chet or Dan?

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On Oct 17, 2015, at 10:43 AM, Yardley, William <[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

not positive was referring to the fact that I'm not positive when story will run.

On Oct 17, 2015, at 6:39 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Bill,  
Would you mind telling me more? We were not expecting a negative story?  
Were you able to quotes from Chet or Dan?

Please advise.

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On Oct 16, 2015, at 8:54 PM, Yardley, William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

Hey Enesta, sorry for the slow response. Looks like that story will run Sunday or Monday. not positive, of course. Best, bill

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
[mailto:[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** Yardley, William  
**Subject:** Re: questions from LA Times

Hi Bill,  
Just checking back in on this one. Update me when you can. Thanks.

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On Sep 30, 2015, at 12:15 PM, Yardley, William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

thanks much, Enesta. I'm still working on it. delays are always the way in this biz – or at least with me.

**From:** Jones, Enesta  
[mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30,  
2015 6:57 AM  
**To:** Yardley, William  
**Subject:** Re: questions from LA  
Times

Hi Bill,  
Hope all is well. I am circling back to  
see where you are with the air  
quality story. Please let me know  
when you get a minute -- and next  
steps for EPA.

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On Sep 25, 2015, at 2:40 PM, Yardley,  
William  
<William.Yardley@latimes.com>  
wrote:

Enesta,

Thanks very much. Very  
helpful, though I think I  
needed about three  
more hours with those  
dudes!

I'm going to jump back  
on my other story but  
will be following up  
with you soon.

Best,

Bill

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
[mailto:Jones.Enesta@e  
pa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday,  
September 25, 2015  
8:55 AM  
**To:** Yardley, William  
**Subject:** Re: questions  
from LA Times

Sure thing and totally  
understand, Bill.

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On Sep 25, 2015, at  
11:52 AM, Yardley,  
William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

Hey  
Enesta,

You know  
how this  
business  
works: I  
just got a  
note from  
my editor  
telling me  
to switch  
gears  
immediat  
ely and  
write a  
“breaking  
news”  
story  
about  
.....making  
electricity  
from  
elephant  
dung. I’m  
not  
kidding.  
That  
means I’m  
suddenly  
under  
slightly  
less  
pressure  
to finish  
the story I  
called you  
about.  
that said, I  
would  
love to  
keep the  
call today  
as  
planned  
since  
you’ve so  
masterfull  
y  
arranged  
it. just

wanted to  
let you  
know that  
I won't be  
turning it  
around as  
quickly as  
I'd  
planned.

Hope that  
makes  
sense.

Best.

Bill

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**From:**  
Jones,  
Enesta  
[mailto:[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)  
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**Sent:**  
Friday,  
September  
25, 2015  
8:35 AM

**To:**  
Yardley,  
William

**Subject:**  
Re:  
questions  
from LA  
Times

Bill,  
The  
interviewe  
es and I  
will call  
you at 2  
p.m. EDT  
for an on-  
the-record  
interview.

They will  
be:  
- Chet  
Wayland  
of EPA's  
Office of  
Air Quality  
Planning  
and  
Standards

- Dan  
Costa of  
EPA's  
Office of  
Research  
and  
Developm  
ent

Thank you  
for your  
flexibility --  
and talk to  
you soon.

**Enesta  
Jones**  
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**Cell:**

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On Sep 25,  
2015, at  
9:31 AM,  
Yardley,  
William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

yes. thx.

On Sep 25, 2015, at 6:20 AM, Jones, Enesta  
<[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

And Bill, you are looking for attribution, right?

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On Sep 25, 2015, at 9:12 AM, Yardley, William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

yes. and thx much.

On Sep 25, 2015, at 4:51 AM, Jones, Enesta  
<[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Bill,  
Any chance we can do it 2 pm EDT? Chet has  
a call that goes until then.

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On Sep 24, 2015, at 8:28 PM, Yardley, William  
<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)> wrote:

Enesta,  
  
You got a deal. That's 10:45 on the  
west coast, just in the nick of time.  
  
My desk is 206-420-1217.  
  
Great about Cathy, too.  
  
Thanks very much for making this  
happen.

Best.  
  
Bill

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
[<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015  
5:23 PM  
**To:** Yardley, William  
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** Re: questions from LA Times

Hi Bill,  
The earliest Chet Wayland can do it  
tomorrow is 1:45 pm EDT. I am still  
confirming with his scheduler that's  
actually doable. Chet is in our  
Research Triangle Park Office in North  
Carolina. He can speak to current  
technologies. I'll be in touch as soon as  
I can confirm.  
  
Cathy Milbourn will be in touch  
separately RE: the availability of a

scientist in the Office of Research and Development. That person can speak to technologies underway/in development.

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On Sep 24, 2015, at 4:23 PM, Yardley, William

<[William.Yardley@latimes.com](mailto:William.Yardley@latimes.com)>

wrote:

Hello Ms. Jones,

I'm a reporter for the LA Times and I'm following up on a voice mail I left on your office phone.

I'm hoping to talk with someone who can tell me about some of the ways the EPA is refining how it measures air pollution and carbon emissions. I'm specifically interested in new technologies that are just now being put to use – infrared cameras to identify methane leaks, satellite monitoring of carbon emissions – and the kinds of things that may be under development for future use.

I would love to talk with someone either late this afternoon or early Friday.

Any chance you could help make this happen?

Many thanks.

Bill Yardley  
Los Angeles Times  
Desk 206-420-1217

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Message

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**From:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/13/2016 6:01:40 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

No prob, thank you!

On Sep 13, 2016, at 1:26 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Just connected with Melissa for more deets. **Breaking News:** This is not happening afterall on Thursday; more like mid October (10/14 or 10/15) for the final agreement in Rwanda. She wanted to be sure it's not on HIs; I was the first she told.

So let's remove altogether for now:

**Thurs. 9/22:**

**PRESS CALL (OAR):** Administrator McCarthy, Secretary Moniz, and Brian Deese will participate in a press call on the Montreal Protocol Amendment to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

Contacts: Melissa and Enesta

**Enesta Jones**

**U.S. EPA**

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Date:** September 13, 2016 at 12:39:56 PM EDT  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**CLOSE HOLD (firm times and what will be issued via OMR TBD; date firm):**

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Contacts: Melissa and Enesta

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

## **ADDITION:**

**Wed. 9/21:**

**REACTIVE STATEMENT (OW + ORD):** The Environmental Working Group releases a report that discusses the group's efforts to petition EPA for more stringent chromium-6 guidelines. It is embargoed until Sept. 20 at 12:01 a.m. A statement will be provided reactively to inquiring reporters. The statement addresses the status of a revision to the drinking water standard for chromium 6, status of a health assessment for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program, and evaluation of literature on potential health effects.  
Contacts: Enesta and Monica

## **CLOSED:**

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Channel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing. **DDL extended to 9/12.**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Scientific American (OW):** Freelance reporter Charles Schmidt is working on a comprehensive piece about the number of people across the country being exposed to PFOA/S in drinking water. Reporter is requesting an interview from both the science and policy perspectives. Awaiting specific questions. **DDL: 9/13.**  
Contacts: Enesta, Monica and Dale  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 10:29 AM

**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <[AO\\_OPA\\_Media\\_Relations@epa.gov](mailto:AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**Wed. 9/21:**

**STATEMENT (OW):** EPA releases a document that summarizes scientific, peer-reviewed literature on effective strategies for controlling Legionella growth in plumbing found in buildings and facilities. With this information, states and facility owners/operators can make more informed risk management decisions that prevent or mitigate Legionella growth in plumbing systems. The document does not recommend any particular technology nor the installation of treatment. The document is based on requests from states and the Veterans Health Administration for EPA to provide information on effective strategies for controlling Legionella. Announcement includes social media and stakeholder notification.  
Contacts: Enesta and Monica

## **Inquiry:**

**The Verge (OW):** Angela Chen is seeking a reaction to an upcoming EWG report, which discusses the group's efforts to petition EPA for more stringent chromium-6 guidelines. The report is

embargoed until Sept. 20 at 12:01 a.m. Working with program and OPS on a statement. DDL:  
Before noon on 9/20.  
Contacts: Enesta and Monica

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 7:57 AM  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <[AO\\_OPA\\_Media\\_Relations@epa.gov](mailto:AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

Good morning!

For "OCTOBER LOOK AHEAD:"

**FIRM:**

**Tues. 10/4:**

**RELEASE (OAR):** EPA Releases Sixth Year of Greenhouse Gas Reporting Data for 2015. Data show about a 5 percent drop in GHG emissions from large industrial facilities in 2015, compared to the previous year. Announcement also includes a webinar.  
Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**CLOSED ON 9/12:**

**American University Investigative Reporting Workshop (OAR):** Marianne Lavelle is seeking trends over time for air emissions from the oil and gas sector, looking particularly at VOCs, sulfur dioxide and NOx. The AUIRW pitches stories to major outlets including the Washington Post and PBS Frontline. The reporter is in the beginning stages of her research. Program working on providing a dataset. **DDL extended to 9/12.**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Valentine, Julia" <[Valentine.Julia@epa.gov](mailto:Valentine.Julia@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** September 12, 2016 at 7:51:18 PM EDT  
**To:** "Harrison, Melissa" <[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)>, "Lee, Monica" <[Lee.Monica@epa.gov](mailto:Lee.Monica@epa.gov)>, "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>, "Hull,

George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Perry, Dale" <Perry.Dale@epa.gov>, "Benenati, Frank" <benenati.frank@epa.gov>, "Nowotarski, Allison" <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>, "Orquina, Jessica" <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>, "Hart, Daniel" <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Sowell, Sarah" <Sowell.Sarah@epa.gov>, "Widener, Charles" <Widener.Charles@epa.gov>, AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>, "Coviello, Nancy" <Coviello.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Ragland, Micah" <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>, "Younes, Lina" <Younes.Lina@epa.gov>  
**Subject: Hot Issues 9/12/2016**

*Evolution of the Hot Issues format below in yellow highlight:*

**Agency Releases/Advisories/Statements/Events:**

**THIS WEEK 9/12-16: (FIRM DATES)**

**Tues. 9/13:**

**RELEASE (OAR/VOLUNTARY):** EPA recognizes 13 supermarket industry organizations for their achievements reducing emissions of environmentally harmful refrigerants. Many of the refrigerants used by supermarkets are hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a class of potent greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change when leaked into the atmosphere. EPA's awardees are meeting the goals of the President's Climate Action Plan by preventing refrigerant leaks, by transitioning to climate-friendly refrigerants, and by using advanced refrigeration technologies. Announcement will include social media (tweet from Admin account) and regional amp. The ceremony takes place on 9/13 in New Orleans from 7 to 8 a.m. CDT. Time -- 10 a.m. **R138**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Thurs. 9/15:**

**(FYI ONLY, NO EPA WITNESSES) CONGRESSIONAL HEARING (OAR):** The Committee on Science, Space and Technology Environment subcommittee will hold a hearing on "A Solution In Search of a Problem: EPA's Methane Regulations." No EPA Witness. Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: 2318 Rayburn  
Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**DESK STATEMENT AND BLOG (OW):** EPA Connect blog by Joel Beauvais. EPA is issuing a memorandum to states reaffirming a continued commitment to EPA Office of Water's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. The memorandum reaffirms the Nancy Stoner memo of March 2011 encouraging States to make strong near-term progress in reducing nutrient pollution while they continue to develop numeric nutrient criteria to address nutrient pollution. The memorandum also provides examples of the progress made by (some) states in implementing nutrient reduction activities, and describes substantial base financial assistance available for state efforts to control nutrients and some modest additional technical assistance EPA will provide to States that are ready to make strong near-term progress.  
Contact: Tricia and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** EPA will be releasing the completed the malathion draft human health safety assessment for the aerial spraying of adult mosquitoes as part of its ongoing pesticide reevaluation program. The draft assessment shows that human

exposures exceed EPA's level of concern. EPA has evaluated how the use of malathion can be modified to result in lower exposures that help to eliminate potential safety concerns. This can be accomplished by making slight modifications to current labeled application directions by adjusting the height of the application and the droplet size of the spray while maintaining effectiveness.

Contact: Monica and Cathy

Fri. 9/16:

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** Glyphosate - EPA plans to publish in the docket its glyphosate peer review discussion paper ahead of the peer review meeting scheduled October 18-21, 2016. During the meeting the agency will seek feedback from experts on how to interpret glyphosate cancer data and to discuss EPA's evaluation of the carcinogenic potential of glyphosate. The discussion document will include the agency's proposed classification that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans at doses relevant for human health risk assessment. This finding is in line with recent findings in Australia, Germany, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the European Food Safety Authority, the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Meeting on Pesticide Residues. It is not in line with the International Agency for Research on Cancer's finding. Prior to the peer review meeting EPA will brief the USDA. Reactions will be strong and mixed. QAs also drafted.

Contact: Cathy and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** OCSPP will push out White House Bio-tech strategy blog to its list serve. This is a release of national strategy of recent scientific and technological advances that have led to new industrial, commercial and consumer practices that use biotechnology. For example, 20 years ago products like Bt corn dominated the biotech landscape, there are now products such as genetically engineered algae and insects. These new technologies have added significantly to the rise of the US bio economy. The Strategy points the way for the federal regulatory system to keep pace.

Contact: Monica and Cathy

**TENTATIVE FOR THIS WEEK (WK of 9/12-16):**

**RELEASE (OAR):** OTAQ issues an RFS Program Amendments NPRM (aka the REGS Rule). The rule would make several updates to provide clarification on converting feedstocks into fuel; using heating oil to comply with RFS; and clarifying info on small refinery petitions for exemption extensions. Release, web update, desk statement.

Contact: Christie

**STATEMENT (OW) (DATE TENTATIVE):** EPA is undertaking an independent, external panel peer review and announces the release of several materials for public comment that relate to the development of a maximum contaminant level goal for perchlorate. Announcement also includes a web page, fact sheet, and Qs and As.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** EPA has approved the amendment and extension of the Experimental Use Permit (EUP) for Wolbachia mosquito. These mosquitoes are known to carry numerous diseases, including the Zika virus. It is important to note that information gathered under this EUP may lead to a new tool to help control mosquitoes that carry diseases. Wolbachia are naturally occurring bacteria commonly found in most insect species, but not in this one. The EUP was issued to the University of Kentucky's

Department of Entomology (UKDE) in October 2015 for limited testing in Fresno County, California.

Contact: Monica and Cathy

**SOCIAL MEDIA (OCSPP):** P2 Week OCSPP will be pushing out success stories from safer choice, food waste recovery challenge, green chem award winners. Featuring existing stories like green chemistry winners from this year, a winner from OLEM's food waste recovery challenge and some Safer Choice POY winners.

Contacts: Cathy and Monica

**NEXT WEEK (WK of 9/19-23): (FIRM DATES)**

**Mon. 9/19:**

**RELEASE (OW):** EPA's fourth annual SepticSmart Week is Sept. 19-23, 2016. Outreach activities encourage homeowners and communities to care for and maintain their septic systems. When these systems are not properly maintained they pose a threat to water quality and human health.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**RELEASE (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** EPA will release the National Port Strategy Assessment. EPA developed this study to update its understanding of current and future diesel emissions in port areas. This study explores the potential of a range of available strategies to reduce diesel emissions from port-related activity, including reducing emissions from diesel trucks, locomotives, cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, and ocean-going vessels. PR, web update, stakeholder engagement.

Contact: Christie

**Tues. 9/20**

**NEWS RELEASE HQ and REGIONS (ORD):** EPA will award \$4.8 million to universities for water quality research. Two major issues with respect to valuation are: the scope of existing studies is limited to freshwater lakes and rivers relative to recreational uses primarily associated with fishing; and the lack of portable models. A national water quality benefits modeling framework should provide capabilities to predict changes in water quality, ecological condition and/or ecosystem services and relevant outcomes across all water body types including small streams, freshwater lakes and rivers, estuaries, Great Lakes, and coastal waters.

Contact: Dale and Cathy

**TENTATIVE FOR NEXT WEEK (WK of 9/19-23)**

**RELEASE (OW):** EPA is awarding \$1.3 million to 22 organizations in 18 states to help protect and restore urban waters, improve water quality, and support community revitalization and other local priorities.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**RELEASE (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** EPA launches new story map for regional haze, highlighting the progress we've made in improving the views in our National Parks. It is possible that this will be a joint release and/or event with the National Parks Service.

Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**RELEASE (OECA): (DATE TENTATIVE)** Sears Lead RRP Settlement with DOJ. Also social media and Spanish language release.

Contact: Julia and Melissa

**DESK STATEMENT (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** OTAQ addresses multiple petitions for reconsideration of RFS2 Rule to change the point of obligation. Web posting, desk statement.

Contact: Christie

**DESK STATEMENT (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** OTAQ updates current fuel economy labels on [FE.gov](http://FE.gov) to reflect updated methodology. Desk statement, targeted pitch, update to [FE.gov](http://FE.gov).

Contact: Christie

**Week of 9/26:**

**Tues. 9/27:**

**RELEASE (OAR):** EPA Proposes Approval for New Listing of Climate Friendly Chemicals under its Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program. The SNAP Program evaluates substitute chemicals and technologies that are safe for the ozone layer. This action supports President Obama's Climate Action Plan and the agency will accept comment for 60 days.

Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**COURT (OAR):** The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will hear arguments over the Clean Power Plan. Time: [9:30 AM](#)

Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Wed. 9/28:**

**RELEASE (OW):** Urban Waters Grants. Regional amp through press releases and possibly RA/DRA events.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING (OW):** Joel Beauvais testifies before Senate EPW about "Administering Water Programs."

Contact: Monica

**Thurs. 9/29**

**RELEASE (OW): (DATE COULD MOVE TO 9/30)** EPA has updated CREAT, a software tool to assist drinking water and wastewater utility owners and operators in understanding potential climate change threats and in assessing the related risks at their individual utilities. CREAT provides users with access to the most recent national assessment of climate change impacts for use in considering how these changes will impact utility operations and missions. Version 3.0 has a web-based platform, clearer interface, improved ease of use, new modules, and other improvements.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

## **OCTOBER LOOK AHEAD:**

**Mon. 10/3:**

**Adaptation Resource Center (OP)** EPA officially launches the climate change Adaptation Resource Center (ARC), an online tool designed to help communities learn more about the impacts of climate change and take measures to adapt to same.

**Timing: Flexible**

Contact: Robert & Dan.

**Inquiries:**

## **BY IMMEDIATE DEADLINE:**

**AP (OAR):** Mead Gruver is asking what EPA's latest is on proposed groundwater standards at ISL facilities. He's also wondering what the proposed standard for uranium content is. He's looking into spills at ISL facilities, where the uranium content often ranges much higher than 30 micrograms. **DDL 9/12**  
Contact: Melissa and Tricia

**American University Investigative Reporting Workshop (OAR):** Marianne Lavelle is seeking trends over time for air emissions from the oil and gas sector, looking particularly at VOCs, sulfur dioxide and NOx. The AUIRW pitches stories to major outlets including the Washington Post and PBS Frontline. The reporter is in the beginning stages of her research. Program working on providing a dataset. **DDL extended to 9/12.**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Channel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing. **DDL extended to 9/12.**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**LA Times (OW, ORD, R8, OPA):** Nigel Duara asking when the agency will release the next round(s) of data under the GKM conceptual monitoring plan. Working on language with OW, ORD and R8. DDL is flexible but would like to close this by COB Friday 9/9.  
Contact: Christie

**Scientific American (OW):** Freelance reporter Charles Schmidt is working on a comprehensive piece about the number of people across the country being exposed to PFOA/S in drinking water. Reporter is requesting an interview from both the science and policy perspectives. Awaiting specific questions. DDL: 9/13  
Contacts: Enesta, Monica and Dale

**Newsday (OW):** Environment reporter Emily Dooley is wrapping up her story about contaminants in Long Island, N.Y.'s drinking water and has shared her first batch of fact

check questions about maximum contaminant levels and unregulated contaminants such as chromium-6. Program working on written responses. DDL: 9/15.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**NO IMMEDIATE DEADLINE:**

**AP (OLEM):** Matt Brown interviewed Mathy Stanislaus on the agency's changes to its mining practices over the past year. Now providing follow up information.

Contact: Nancy and Christie

**WAFF-TV, NBC Affiliate, Huntsville, AL (OLEM & Region 4):** Reporter Trent Butler says elevated levels of contaminants found near the coal ash impoundment at the Colbert Power Plant in Tuscumbia, AL. Impoundment was scheduled to be closed and capped. What environmental regs apply? What is EPA's role. Sent responses 8/19. In response to follow ups, ORCR sent links, said they would send additional, more substantive info if possible. Checked in with ORCR and updated reporter 8/26. Mathy will want to review response prior to transmittal. Story ran, reporter still interested in additional EPA info. Contact: Christie

Julia P. Valentine

Acting Director

U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations

202.564.2663 direct

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Message

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**From:** Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/22/2017 4:53:21 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Durant, Jennah [Durant.Jennah@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

for both New Orleans and state-wide.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2017 3:33 AM  
**To:** Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

David, the reporter has follow-up below. Robert will handle as I am out today.

**Follow-up:**

**"Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down (over what period, and in Louisiana as a whole or certain parts of the state?)"**

- Also, she is asking for attribution beyond an "EPA spokesperson." Would you like to use your name — or prefer to have a political here use his/her name?

On Nov 21, 2017, at 3:04 PM, Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)> wrote:

Declining due in part to precursor (VOCs and NOx) emissions going down.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:10 AM  
**To:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Durant, Jennah <[Durant.Jennah@epa.gov](mailto:Durant.Jennah@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

OAQPS said y'all are better equipped to answer the first question:

**Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why?**

Can you help?

They are working on the first. DDL is COB today.

On Nov 21, 2017, at 8:32 AM, Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)> wrote:

From: Susan Buchanan [<mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com>]

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:30 AM

**To:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>; Durant, Jennah <[Durant.Jennah@epa.gov](mailto:Durant.Jennah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Good day! I just called her. Do you happen to have her email?

**Resent-From:** <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**From:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Date:** November 21, 2017 at 8:25:57 AM EST

**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Told region that we would handle at press@ epa thanksng

Nancy Grantham  
Office of Public Affairs  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-6879 (desk)  
202-253-7056 (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 8:24 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

Reporter is following up. Do we want to comment? Since it is NAACP - I think it should be a national response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

Subject: FW: ACTION: Louisiana Weekly (Susan Buchanan) [OPEN 11/17] FW: Inquiry about exposure to pollution among African Americans

You will want to handle this one on the NAACP report. Let me know.

David

EPA Region 6

Ms. Durant and Mr. Hubbard,

I hope you're well and having a good fall.

I've been assigned to write a story for "The Louisiana Weekly" about a recently released "Fumes Across the Fence Line" report from the NAACP and CATF.

[http://www.naacp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line\\_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf](http://www.naacp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fumes-Across-the-Fence-Line_NAACP-and-CATF-Study.pdf)

It says: "More than 1 million African Americans live within a ½ mile of existing oil and gas facilities, and the number is growing every year. Many African Americans are particularly burdened with health impacts from this air pollution due to high levels of poverty. The air in many African Americans communities violates air quality standards for ozone smog. Rates of asthma are relatively high in African American communities."

I was wondering if you could help with these questions: Is ozone smog increasing or declining in Louisiana or greater New Orleans, and why? Is exposure to oil-and-gas pollution among African Americans in Louisiana increasing or declining?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Buchanan  
New Orleans, La.  
504-309-2817

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 8:05:14 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Dr. Mielke,

I appreciate your help  
and

apologize for bothering you so  
much. Could you

possibly

take

a last look at the comments  
below?

Thank you, Susan

Buchanan

Playground toxins addressed on  
a

variety of fronts

Howard Mielke,

Tulane chemistry research  
professor with

the Tulane-Xavier Center for  
Environmental  
Research,

said

that arsenic and chromium  
leached into soils in  
city

playgrounds for decades from  
swing sets and other

equipment,

like tables, benches and  
fences, built from lumber

treated

with chromated copper arsenate  
or CCA. Wood

preservative

CCA

is used in warm, humid

climates to keep fungi and  
termites at

bay. The Environmental  
Protection Agency

banned CCA as a preservative  
for most woods in  
2004,

however.

In a study released in January,  
Mielke and

researchers at Xavier and other  
universities found

that

in

38 play areas surveyed in New  
Orleans during the

summer of 2008, 14 or nearly  
37% had CCA-treated

wood. Researchers recommended  
that CCA-treated  
wood

be

coated with sealant and  
rigorously

maintained and that it be  
replaced eventually  
with

safer materials. Soil near  
CCA-treated wood in

playgrounds

should be replaced too, they  
said, since the  
presence

of

arsenic is hazardous to  
children given their

hand-to-mouth

habits.

In recent

years, much of the city's old  
playground

equipment

has

been removed and replaced,  
mainly by donated

equipment

from

the Kaboom foundation, Mielke  
and RSD school

officials

said.

Lead dust from gasoline

and paint has long been an  
invisible problem in

playground

soils in New Orleans and other  
American cities,

Mielke

said.

Lead has been federally banned  
from gasoline since

1996

but

remains distributed in city  
soils, he

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In a study

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Tulane

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census

tracts studied in New Orleans  
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was

covered with sediment carried  
in by flood

water. The lead

contamination may reappear  
with time.

The important point is that  
the

declines in soil lead

levels correlated with  
reductions in blood lead

levels

in

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level in children fell

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blood

lead

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children were found in

those

born after the 2005 hurricanes.  
These results

support a proactive program for  
soil

remediation.

Mielke said

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the city's

playgrounds

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contacting soil. City

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still exposed to potentially  
damaging levels of

arsenic

and

lead, however. Mielke said from  
his perspective,

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its

leaching into soils in New Orleans playgrounds is

another serious threat along with

lead in soil at this

point.

Mielke

said “soil in playgrounds  
should be  
systematically

remediated, and that is  
possible by using  
sediments

carried

by the Mississippi River, which  
are available from

spillways

and areas outside the city.  
River sediments are

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to soils

in

the metro area.”  
Tulane-Xavier environmental

researchers support the launch  
of

a New Orleans program similar  
to Norway’s  
National

Clean

Soil Program for mapping and  
remediating polluted

soils

in

outdoor play areas at childcare  
centers,  
elementary

schools and playgrounds. end

From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To:

Howard Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:55:20 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments



Thank you for the paper, Dr.  
Mielke.

Are you saying arsenic  
in playground soils is a

bigger

problem today than lead in  
soil?

From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 4:37:54 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

Yes.

From my perspective, As in CCA  
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leaching into the soils around  
wood a playgrounds

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be a much more important  
issue. Read the  
attached

paper.

Howard

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

3:26 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:

Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your changes and

additions.

One question: am I missing  
any important

playground

toxins in this discussion? I  
appreciate your help

and

time.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

504-309-2817



From: Howard

Mielke <[howard.mielke@gmail.com](mailto:howard.mielke@gmail.com)>

To: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Wed,

September 8, 2010 3:22:52 PM

Subject: Re:

Louisiana Weekly story: review  
of comments

On Wed, Sep 8, 2010 at

2:51 PM, Susan Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

wrote:

Dr. Mielke,

Thank you very much for  
your phone  
call today.

Please see the comments below  
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surveillance data) from about 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  to 3.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ .

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From: Susan

Buchanan <[susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbuchanan1@yahoo.com)>

To: [hmielke@mail.xula.edu](mailto:hmielke@mail.xula.edu)

Sent: Tue,

September 7, 2010 10:43:08 AM

Subject:

Louisiana Weekly story: request  
for interview on

playgrounds



Dr. Mielke,

I am contacting you

as a reporter writing a story  
for "The Louisiana

Weekly" on environmental safety  
at  
playgrounds

in

parks

and at schools in New  
Orleans.

I was wondering if

it would be possible to  
interview you for a few  
minutes

today by phone about  
remediation at  
local playgrounds

containing arsenic, lead and  
other

toxins.

Thank you very much

for any help.

Sincerely,

Susan

Buchanan

New Orleans,

504-309-2817





<2016 Final SPb and BPb before  
and ten

years after

Katrina.pdf>



Message

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]  
**Sent:** 9/13/2016 7:14:39 PM  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations [AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**FIRM:**

**Fri. 9/16:**

**STATEMENT (OAR):** EPA is finalizing revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule. These revisions will clarify the process states follow when deciding whether air quality monitoring data influenced by an “exceptional event” should be included when determining if an area is meeting national air quality standards. Exceptional events include natural events such as wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusions and volcanic and seismic activities. Given the possible influence of wildfires on ozone concentrations, EPA is also releasing a final, non-binding guidance document that provides states with additional information on preparing exceptional events demonstrations for wildfires that could influence monitored ozone concentrations. Announcement includes fact sheet, updated web page and Qs/As.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:37 PM  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**FIRM:**

**Fri. 9/23:**

**WEB POSTING (OW):** EPA is releasing a webpage that, for the first time, will provide the general public with access to aircraft drinking water compliance information. Users will be able to find compliance information about water that is used for drinking, food preparation, brushing teeth, dishwashing, and hand washing. Once released, citizens at any location, including those at airports, will be able to easily obtain information about their particular carrier and learn about water sample results, disinfecting and flushing operations, violations and public notices. **This is a web posting only announcement. Will be posted here:** <http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/adwr-compliance-reports>

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**CLOSE HOLD (firm times and what will be issued via OMR TBD; date firm):**

**Thurs. 9/22:**

**PRESS CALL (OAR):** Administrator McCarthy, Secretary Moniz, and Brian Deese will participate in a press call on the Montreal Protocol Amendment to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)  
Contacts: Melissa and Enesta

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 12:28 PM

**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>

**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**ADDITION:**

**Wed. 9/21:**

**REACTIVE STATEMENT (OW + ORD):** The Environmental Working Group releases a report that discusses the group's efforts to petition EPA for more stringent chromium-6 guidelines. It is embargoed until Sept. 20 at 12:01 a.m. A statement will be provided reactively to inquiring reporters. The statement addresses the status of a revision to the drinking water standard for chrom 6, status of a health assessment for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program, and evaluation of literature on potential health effects.  
Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**CLOSED:**

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Channel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow up responses in writing. **DDL extended to 9/12.**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Scientific American (OW):** Freelance reporter Charles Schmidt is working on a comprehensive piece about the number of people across the country being exposed to PFOA/S in drinking water. Reporter is requesting an interview from both the science and policy perspectives. Awaiting specific questions. **DDL: 9/13.**  
Contacts: Enesta, Monica and Dale  
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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 10:29 AM

**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

**Wed. 9/21:**

**STATEMENT (OW):** EPA releases a document that summarizes scientific, peer-reviewed literature on effective strategies for controlling Legionella growth in plumbing found in buildings and facilities. With this information, states and facility owners/operators can make more informed risk management decisions that prevent or mitigate Legionella growth in plumbing systems.

The document does not recommend any particular technology nor the installation of treatment. The document is based on requests from states and the Veterans Health Administration for EPA to provide information on effective strategies for controlling Legionella. Announcement includes social media and stakeholder notification.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**Inquiry:**

**The Verge (OW):** Angela Chen is seeking a reaction to an upcoming EWG report, which discusses the group's efforts to petition EPA for more stringent chromium-6 guidelines. The report is embargoed until Sept. 20 at 12:01 a.m. Working with program and OPS on a statement. DDL: Before noon on 9/20.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

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**From:** Jones, Enesta

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 7:57 AM

**To:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO\_OPA\_Media\_Relations@epa.gov>

**Subject:** JULIA-UPDATE: Hot Issues 9/12/2016

Good morning!

For "OCTOBER LOOK AHEAD:"

**FIRM:**

**Tues. 10/4:**

**RELEASE (OAR):** EPA Releases Sixth Year of Greenhouse Gas Reporting Data for 2015. Data show about a 5 percent drop in GHG emissions from large industrial facilities in 2015, compared to the previous year. Announcement also includes a webinar.

Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**CLOSED ON 9/12:**

**American University Investigative Reporting Workshop (OAR):** Marianne Lavelle is seeking trends over time for air emissions from the oil and gas sector, looking particularly at VOCs, sulfur dioxide and NOx. The AUIRW pitches stories to major outlets including the Washington Post and PBS Frontline. The reporter is in the beginning stages of her research. Program working on providing a dataset. **DDL extended to 9/12.**

Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Enesta Jones**

U.S. EPA  
Office of Media Relations  
Desk: 202.564.7873  
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>  
**Date:** September 12, 2016 at 7:51:18 PM EDT  
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**Subject:** Hot Issues 9/12/2016

*Evolution of the Hot Issues format below in yellow highlight:*

**Agency Releases/Advisories/Statements/Events:**

**THIS WEEK 9/12-16: (FIRM DATES)**

**Tues. 9/13:**

**RELEASE (OAR/VOLUNTARY):** EPA recognizes 13 supermarket industry organizations for their achievements reducing emissions of environmentally harmful refrigerants. Many of the refrigerants used by supermarkets are hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a class of potent greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change when leaked into the atmosphere. EPA's awardees are meeting the goals of the President's Climate Action Plan by preventing refrigerant leaks, by transitioning to climate-friendly refrigerants, and by using advanced refrigeration technologies. Announcement will include social media (tweet from Admin account) and regional amp. The ceremony takes place on 9/13 in New Orleans from 7 to 8 a.m. CDT. Time -- 10 a.m. **R138**  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Thurs. 9/15:**

**(FYI ONLY, NO EPA WITNESSES) CONGRESSIONAL HEARING (OAR):** The Committee on Science, Space and Technology Environment subcommittee will hold a hearing on "A Solution In Search of a Problem: EPA's Methane Regulations." No EPA Witness. Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: 2318 Rayburn  
Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**DESK STATEMENT AND BLOG (OW):** EPA Connect blog by Joel Beauvais. EPA is issuing a memorandum to states reaffirming a continued commitment to EPA Office of Water's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. The memorandum reaffirms the Nancy Stoner memo of March 2011 encouraging States to make strong near-term progress in reducing nutrient pollution while they continue to develop numeric nutrient criteria to address nutrient pollution. The memorandum also provides examples of the progress made by (some) states in implementing nutrient reduction activities, and describes substantial base financial

assistance available for state efforts to control nutrients and some modest additional technical assistance EPA will provide to States that are ready to make strong near-term progress.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** EPA will be releasing the completed the malathion draft human health safety assessment for the aerial spraying of adult mosquitoes as part of its ongoing pesticide reevaluation program. The draft assessment shows that human exposures exceed EPA's level of concern. EPA has evaluated how the use of malathion can be modified to result in lower exposures that help to eliminate potential safety concerns. This can be accomplished by making slight modifications to current labeled application directions by adjusting the height of the application and the droplet size of the spray while maintaining effectiveness.

Contact: Monica and Cathy

Fri. 9/16:

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** Glyphosate - EPA plans to publish in the docket its glyphosate peer review discussion paper ahead of the peer review meeting scheduled October 18-21, 2016. During the meeting the agency will seek feedback from experts on how to interpret glyphosate cancer data and to discuss EPA's evaluation of the carcinogenic potential of glyphosate. The discussion document will include the agency's proposed classification that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans at doses relevant for human health risk assessment. This finding is in line with recent findings in Australia, Germany, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the European Food Safety Authority, the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Meeting on Pesticide Residues. It is not in line with the International Agency for Research on Cancer's finding. Prior to the peer review meeting EPA will brief the USDA. Reactions will be strong and mixed. QAs also drafted.

Contact: Cathy and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** OCSPP will push out White House Bio-tech strategy blog to its list serve. This is a release of national strategy of recent scientific and technological advances that have led to new industrial, commercial and consumer practices that use biotechnology. For example, 20 years ago products like Bt corn dominated the biotech landscape, there are now products such as genetically engineered algae and insects. These new technologies have added significantly to the rise of the US bio economy. The Strategy points the way for the federal regulatory system to keep pace.

Contact: Monica and Cathy

TENTATIVE FOR THIS WEEK (WK of 9/12-16):

**RELEASE (OAR):** OTAQ issues an RFS Program Amendments NPRM (aka the REGS Rule). The rule would make several updates to provide clarification on converting feedstocks into fuel; using heating oil to comply with RFS; and clarifying info on small refinery petitions for exemption extensions. Release, web update, desk statement.

Contact: Christie

**STATEMENT (OW) (DATE TENTATIVE):** EPA is undertaking an independent, external panel peer review and announces the release of several materials for public comment that relate to the development of a maximum contaminant level goal for perchlorate. Announcement also includes a web page, fact sheet, and Qs and As.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**LISTSERV (OCSPP):** EPA has approved the amendment and extension of the Experimental Use Permit (EUP) for Wolbachia mosquito. These mosquitoes are known to carry numerous diseases, including the Zika virus. It is important to note that information gathered under this EUP may lead to a new tool to help control mosquitoes that carry diseases. Wolbachia are naturally occurring bacteria commonly

found in most insect species, but not in this one. The EUP was issued to the University of Kentucky's Department of Entomology (UKDE) in October 2015 for limited testing in Fresno County, California.  
Contact: Monica and Cathy

**SOCIAL MEDIA (OCSPP):** P2 Week OCSPP will be pushing out success stories from safer choice, food waste recovery challenge, green chem award winners. Featuring existing stories like green chemistry winners from this year, a winner from OLEM's food waste recovery challenge and some Safer Choice POY winners.

Contacts: Cathy and Monica

**NEXT WEEK (WK of 9/19-23): (FIRM DATES)**

**Mon. 9/19:**

**RELEASE (OW):** EPA's fourth annual SepticSmart Week is Sept. 19-23, 2016. Outreach activities encourage homeowners and communities to care for and maintain their septic systems. When these systems are not properly maintained they pose a threat to water quality and human health.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**RELEASE (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** EPA will release the National Port Strategy Assessment. EPA developed this study to update its understanding of current and future diesel emissions in port areas. This study explores the potential of a range of available strategies to reduce diesel emissions from port-related activity, including reducing emissions from diesel trucks, locomotives, cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, and ocean-going vessels. PR, web update, stakeholder engagement.

Contact: Christie

**Tues. 9/20**

**NEWS RELEASE HQ and REGIONS (ORD):** EPA will award \$4.8 million to universities for water quality research. Two major issues with respect to valuation are: the scope of existing studies is limited to freshwater lakes and rivers relative to recreational uses primarily associated with fishing; and the lack of portable models. A national water quality benefits modeling framework should provide capabilities to predict changes in water quality, ecological condition and/or ecosystem services and relevant outcomes across all water body types including small streams, freshwater lakes and rivers, estuaries, Great Lakes, and coastal waters.

Contact: Dale and Cathy

**TENTATIVE FOR NEXT WEEK (WK of 9/19-23)**

**RELEASE (OW):** EPA is awarding \$1.3 million to 22 organizations in 18 states to help protect and restore urban waters, improve water quality, and support community revitalization and other local priorities.

Contact: Tricia and Monica

**RELEASE (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** EPA launches new story map for regional haze, highlighting the progress we've made in improving the views in our National Parks. It is possible that this will be a joint release and/or event with the National Parks Service.

Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**RELEASE (OECA): (DATE TENTATIVE)** Sears Lead RRP Settlement with DOJ. Also social media and Spanish language release.  
Contact: Julia and Melissa

**DESK STATEMENT (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** OTAQ addresses multiple petitions for reconsideration of RFS2 Rule to change the point of obligation. Web posting, desk statement.  
Contact: Christie

**DESK STATEMENT (OAR): (DATE TENTATIVE)** OTAQ updates current fuel economy labels on [FE.gov](http://FE.gov) to reflect updated methodology. Desk statement, targeted pitch, update to [FE.gov](http://FE.gov).  
Contact: Christie

**Week of 9/26:**

**Tues. 9/27:**

**RELEASE (OAR):** EPA Proposes Approval for New Listing of Climate Friendly Chemicals under its Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program. The SNAP Program evaluates substitute chemicals and technologies that are safe for the ozone layer. This action supports President Obama's Climate Action Plan and the agency will accept comment for 60 days.  
Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**COURT (OAR):** The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will hear arguments over the Clean Power Plan. Time: [9:30 AM](#)  
Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Wed. 9/28:**

**RELEASE (OW):** Urban Waters Grants. Regional amp through press releases and possibly RA/DRA events.  
Contact: Tricia and Monica

**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING (OW):** Joel Beauvais testifies before Senate EPW about "Administering Water Programs."  
Contact: Monica

**Thurs. 9/29**

**RELEASE (OW): (DATE COULD MOVE TO 9/30)** EPA has updated CREAT, a software tool to assist drinking water and wastewater utility owners and operators in understanding potential climate change threats and in assessing the related risks at their individual utilities. CREAT provides users with access to the most recent national assessment of climate change impacts for use in considering how these changes will impact utility operations and missions. Version 3.0 has a web-based platform, clearer interface, improved ease of use, new modules, and other improvements.  
Contact: Tricia and Monica

**OCTOBER LOOK AHEAD:**

**Mon. 10/3:**

**Adaptation Resource Center (OP)** EPA officially launches the climate change Adaptation Resource Center (ARC), an online tool designed to help communities learn more about the impacts of climate change and take measures to adapt to same.

**Timing: Flexible**

Contact: Robert & Dan.

**Inquiries:**

**BY IMMEDIATE DEADLINE:**

**AP (OAR):** Mead Gruver is asking what EPA's latest is on proposed groundwater standards at ISL facilities. He's also wondering what the proposed standard for uranium content is. He's looking into spills at ISL facilities, where the uranium content often ranges much higher than 30 micrograms. **DDL 9/12**

Contact: Melissa and Tricia

**American University Investigative Reporting Workshop (OAR):** Marianne Lavelle is seeking trends over time for air emissions from the oil and gas sector, looking particularly at VOCs, sulfur dioxide and NOx. The AUIRW pitches stories to major outlets including the Washington Post and PBS Frontline. The reporter is in the beginning stages of her research. Program working on providing a dataset. **DDL extended to 9/12.**

Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Channel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing. **DDL extended to 9/12.**

Contact: Enesta and Melissa

**LA Times (OW, ORD, R8, OPA):** Nigel Duara asking when the agency will release the next round(s) of data under the GKM conceptual monitoring plan. Working on language with OW, ORD and R8. DDL is flexible but would like to close this by COB Friday 9/9.

Contact: Christie

**Scientific American (OW):** Freelance reporter Charles Schmidt is working on a comprehensive piece about the number of people across the country being exposed to PFOA/S in drinking water. Reporter is requesting an interview from both the science and policy perspectives. Awaiting specific questions. DDL: 9/13

Contacts: Enesta, Monica and Dale

**Newsday (OW):** Environment reporter Emily Dooley is wrapping up her story about contaminants in Long Island, N.Y.'s drinking water and has shared her first batch of fact check questions about maximum contaminant levels and unregulated contaminants such as chromium-6. Program working on written responses. DDL: 9/15.

Contacts: Enesta and Monica

**NO IMMEDIATE DEADLINE:**

**AP (OLEM):** Matt Brown interviewed Mathy Stanislaus on the agency's changes to its mining practices over the past year. Now providing follow up information.

Contact: Nancy and Christie

**WAFF-TV, NBC Affiliate, Huntsville, AL (OLEM & Region 4):** Reporter Trent Butler says elevated levels of contaminants found near the coal ash impoundment at the Colbert Power Plant in Tuscumbia, AL. Impoundment was scheduled to be closed and capped. What environmental regs apply? What is EPA's role. Sent responses 8/19. In response to follow ups, ORCR sent links, said they would send additional, more substantive info if possible. Checked in with ORCR and updated reporter 8/26. Mathy will want to review response prior to transmittal. Story ran, reporter still interested in additional EPA info.

Contact: Christie

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**Sent:** Tue 5/17/2016 9:56:24 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: PFC calls tomorrow  
[PFOA-PFOS Systems and Congressional Information 5-17-16.docx](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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**Date:** May 17, 2016 at 5:22:43 PM EDT  
**To:** "Loop, Travis" <[Loop.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Loop.Travis@epa.gov)>, "Wadlington, Christina" <[Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov](mailto:Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Dennis, Allison" <[Dennis.Allison@epa.gov](mailto:Dennis.Allison@epa.gov)>, "Lee, Monica" <[Lee.Monica@epa.gov](mailto:Lee.Monica@epa.gov)>, "Brown, Tristan" <[Brown.Tristan@epa.gov](mailto:Brown.Tristan@epa.gov)>, "Asher, Jonathan" <[Asher.Jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:Asher.Jonathan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PFC calls tomorrow

Thanks for looping me in. Below are my current plans for Congressional notifications. It's no problem to adjust as needed, please just let me know.

My understanding on the timing is that we want to give the states a little lead time to prepare for questions we expect them to get when the numbers are released – e.g., “According to EPA, the Township of Smallville USA detected PFOA in their drinking water back in 2013-2015. Shouldn't the town be on bottled water?” I am planning the Congressional notifications to coincide/follow soon after for the same reason and because when states learn about something, that information is sometimes shared by state staff with Congressional staff. Just sharing that perspective to make sure I'm on the same page with everyone.

- Wed. afternoon (shortly after outreach to states has been done – 4pm is fine with me)
  - Members' offices that have been engaged – HQ and Regional Congressional Liaisons call Congressional staff (if your curious, the list is attached, and the names highlighted in yellow are the HQ calls)
  - Leadership and some committee staff – HQ email information about the release (not including the number)
  - Members' offices that have not been engaged but have communities in their district on the list – RCLs email information about the release (not including the number)
  - For the last two groups, the numbers will be provided verbally if the staff follow up and ask for more information
- Thu. – when website goes live
  - HQ emails announcement to Leadership and Committee staff with links to blog and website

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**From:** Loop, Travis  
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**Subject:** Re: PFC calls tomorrow

They want calls later in the day.

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On May 17, 2016, at 5:10 PM, Wadlington, Christina <[Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov](mailto:Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov)> wrote:

Since we are not giving the out the number can we make the calls early afternoon?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2016, at 5:08 PM, Loop, Travis <[Loop.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Loop.Travis@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks!

Travis Loop  
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On May 17, 2016, at 5:05 PM, Wadlington, Christina <[Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov](mailto:Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov)> wrote:

We will NOT be giving out the number in our calls and can make the calls in the afternoon.

From what we understand, the only external Federal parties that will get the number tomorrow will be states and Congressional staff.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2016, at 4:59 PM, Dennis, Allison <[Dennis.Allison@epa.gov](mailto:Dennis.Allison@epa.gov)> wrote:

Should Peter give the number out tomorrow during his calls or say everything but?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Loop, Travis" <[Loop.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Loop.Travis@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 17, 2016 at 4:57:11 PM EDT  
**To:** "Purchia, Liz" <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Beauvais, Joel" <[Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov](mailto:Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov)>, "Rupp, Mark" <[Rupp.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Rupp.Mark@epa.gov)>, "Lee,

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**Subject: Re: PFC calls tomorrow**

Regions were told to call states back late Wednesday to give numbers. I recommend Joel or OPA or AO go back to RAs with a certain time - like 4pm.

Our drinking water office can hold until 4pm also.

OCIR hasn't given us times they plan to make calls.

Travis Loop

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On May 17, 2016, at 4:53 PM, Purchia, Liz <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

Please send over the tick tock of calls tomorrow. We may need to do interviews after 6..

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**From:** Loop, Travis

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 4:52 PM

**To:** Purchia, Liz

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**Subject:** Re: PFC calls tomorrow

We can create availability for interviews between 12-4. He lands back in DC at 6.

Travis Loop

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On May 17, 2016, at 4:48 PM, Purchia, Liz <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

It would be good to get an update on what time congressional notifications are happening as well.

What time could Joel

do embargoed press  
interviews tomorrow  
afternoon/night?

Any calls need to ask  
people to withhold  
making the numbers  
public until we do it on  
Thursday.

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**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17,  
2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz  
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**Cc:** Beauvais, Joel  
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**Subject:** Re: PFC calls  
tomorrow

I'm double checking to  
verify that calls to share  
numbers are later in  
the day.

Also hearing from  
regions that states hope  
to see the fact sheet  
before it goes public,  
even if a few hours  
before.

I think I share your view  
that we might need to  
bump up our release...

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4:27 PM, Purchia, Liz  
<[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

What time

will calls  
start  
happening  
tomorrow  
?

If you're  
sharing  
the  
number  
tomorrow,  
are you  
going to  
be asking  
people to  
withhold  
making  
the  
numbers  
public  
until we  
do it on  
Thursday?

If calls are  
happening  
tomorrow  
there's a  
very good  
chance  
the  
number  
will leak  
tomorrow  
and we'll  
need to  
revise our  
press  
strategy.

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**From:**

Loop,  
Travis

**Sent:**

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May 17,  
2016 4:25  
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**Cc:**

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**Subject:**

Re: PFC  
calls  
tomorrow

Adding  
Allison

In short,  
the  
number  
will be  
shared  
verbally  
tomorrow  
. We've  
indicated  
calls  
should be  
late in the  
day. That  
is when  
states will  
hear the  
number.

We could  
carve out  
time  
tomorrow  
for  
interviews  
if needed.

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17, 2016,  
at 4:12

PM,  
Purchia,  
Liz

<[Purchia.L](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)

[iz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)

> wrote:

Can we get a tick tock of what time people are being called tomorrow and what information they will be provided? Will we be giving out the number tomorrow?

If so, I think

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**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Also, there's Stan's hearing in the AM.

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**OAR 111(d) Planned Outreach**

June 9 – 13

- [Labor] June 9 (Washington, DC): McCabe/Goffman/Walsh Meeting with unions
  - [States] June 10 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with Illinois PUC
  - [Leg] June 11 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Udall staff
  - [Leg] June 11 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Bennett staff
  - [Leg] June 11 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Stabenow staff
  - [Leg] June 11 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with New York State staff
  - [States] June 11 (Baltimore, MD): McCabe speech at the Ozone Transport Commission (open press)
  - [States] June 11 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with Region 7 states
  - [Business] June 12 (Washington, DC): McCarthy meeting with Annual Energy Efficiency Forum (open press)
  - [Business] June 12 (Washington, DC): McCabe roundtable at UN Foundation Energy Future Coalition steering Committee Meeting
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): McCarthy/Goffman meeting with Majority Whip
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Perciasepe meeting with Senator Murkowski (closed press)
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Johnson's staff
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Casey's staff
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Durbin's staff
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Baldwin's staff
  - [Leg] June 12 (Washington, DC): Goffman call with Senator Udall and Heinrich's staff
  - [Business] June 13 (Los Angeles, CA): McCarthy site tour and media event with Grid Alternatives, a non-profit for solar power systems for low-income and tribal communities (tentative)
  - [Business] June 13 (Los Angeles, CA): McCarthy meeting with small business owner roundtable (tentative)
  - [Business] June 13 (Washington, DC): Goffman Panel with the Coal Utilization Research Council
  - [Investors] June 13 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with Moody's
  - [Leg] June 13 (Washington, DC): Goffman brown bag with SEEC staff
  - [Leg] June 13 (Washington, DC): Goffman briefing for House Dem Caucus
  - [Public] June 13 (Los Angeles, CA): McCarthy on Bill Maher Show (open press)
  - [States] June 13 (Washington, DC): McCabe Q&A session with state energy and environment associations
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- [Leg] Week of June 9 (Washington, DC): OAR staff meeting with Senator Mark Udall
  - [Leg] Week of June 9 (Washington, DC): OAR staff meeting with Senator Michael Bennet
  - [Leg] Week of June 9 (Washington, DC): OAR staff meeting with Senator John Tester
  - [States] Week of June 9 (Region 6): RA Ron Curry held discussions with state environment secretaries from AR, LA, OK; and has parallel conversations planned with TX, NM by June 16
  - [Local/States] Week of June 9 (Region 9): Region 9 Air Division Staff and Congressional Liaison have held several follow-up calls with elected officials and state agencies.

June 16 – 20

- [Business] June 16 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with the National Climate Coalition
- [Business] June 17 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with homebuilders
- [Inter-agency] June 17 (Washington, DC): Goffman DOE brownbag
- [Leg] June 17 (Washington, DC): Goffman briefing for SEEC Caucus members
- [States/RTOs] June 18 (St. Louis): Goffman speech at annual MISO meeting (open press)
- [States] June 19 (Washington, DC): McCabe meeting with AAPCA
- [Business] June 20 (Washington, DC): McCabe panel with UARG (open press?)
- [States] June 20 (Washington, DC): Goffman meeting with NARUC
- [State/local] June 20 (Dallas, TX) US Conference of Mayors annual conference TBD (open press)

June 23 – 27

- [Business] June 24 (Long Beach, CA) McCabe Keynote at Air & Waste Management Annual Conference (open press)
- [States] June 24 (Hershey, PA): Goffman Speech at Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (open press)
- [Business] June 25 (Long Beach, CA): McCabe panel at Air & Waste Management Annual Conference (open press)
- [States] June 25 (Nebraska City, NE) Goffman meeting with Region 7 state directors
- [States] June 25 (Washington, DC): Webinar for states on Building State Goals
- [States] June 26 (Washington, DC): Webinar for states on Meeting State Goals

June 30 – July 4

- [States] June 26 (Washington, DC): Webinar for states on Implementation

Message

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**From:** Ganesan, Arvin [Ganesan.Arvin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/18/2014 2:06:34 PM  
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]  
**Attachments:** RE: ask: WOTUS outreach; FW: ask: WOTUS outreach

Two more...

Message

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**From:** Brooks, Karl [brooks.karl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/15/2014 8:28:50 PM  
**To:** Ganesan, Arvin [Ganesan.Arvin@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]; Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ask: WOTUS outreach

Here are five wotus message opportunities/location in Region 7:

IOWA

Des Moines area, Sept. 3-4: Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Directors 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, major focus on Iowa-specific conservation efforts and successes. Two key area watersheds (Des Moines and Raccoon) are central to the Iowa Nutrient Strategy for reducing hypoxia. The Conservation Directors come from all 99 Iowa counties, and have a strong agricultural orientation. Region 7 typically attends, and I keynoted conference in 2012. <http://cdiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Registration-Packet.pdf>

KANSAS

Kansas City area, Sept. 3-4: Office of Water (Ken K and Ellen G leading team) will already be at Region 7 for project and program review already scheduled. Region 7 could arrange a good waterway or watershed media event nearby that emphasizes tributaries to the Missouri and Kansas Rivers.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center Butterfly Festival, Great Bend, Sept 13: Cheyenne Bottoms (about 125 miles SW of Kansas City) are the largest prairie wetland complex in the Central Plains. Designated a "World Wetland of International Importance," Cheyenne Bottoms is managed by the Kansas Dept of Wildlife and Parks. The Festival emphasizes the crucial role this complex plays in supporting the annual Monarch butterfly migration from North America to Mexico. [http://wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu/events/?event\\_id=169](http://wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu/events/?event_id=169)

MISSOURI

Columbia, Sept. 4-5, Missouri Water Seminar: sponsored by REGFORM, the primary industry/government colloquium dedicated to environmental regulatory development and improvement in Missouri. Region 7 Water Director already planning to attend to present. Numerous opportunities to spotlight important tributary streams and work of local watershed groups in mid-Missouri and around the University of Missouri. <http://www.regform.org/>

St. Louis area, Sept 27, Great Rivers National Public Lands Day: This 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of NPL Day brings together various federal and state agencies dedicated to land and water conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities. This event will be held at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and will feature numerous activities and groups, including trail walks, tree and brush plantings, lectures, and trash cleanups. US Army Corps, US Fish and Wildlife, and the state parks and environmental agencies all play key roles in this event. <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

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**From:** Ganesan, Arvin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1:07 PM  
**To:** Regional Administrators  
**Cc:** Rupp, Mark; Reynolds, Thomas; Kopocis, Ken; Gilinsky, Ellen; Feldt, Lisa; KeyesFleming, Gwendolyn; Johnston, Khanna; Johnson, Alisha  
**Subject:** ask: WOTUS outreach

RA's:

As discussed at the leadership retreat, we need to offer a more positive message with the WOTUS rulemaking – instead of a technical one, we must offer a vision of why clean water matters, and how clean water is connected to so many of the activities and lives of people across America.

To that end, we'd like to ask each RA to localize the overarching top-line message. The WOTUS rulemaking is a part of the message, but as you can tell, the framing is focused on the *why* as opposed to the *how*.

Top line messaging:

- We need clean water to drink, clean water to grow food, clean water for tourism, recreation, and cherished outdoor time with our families.
- Hunting, fishing, and agriculture all depend on clean water. And companies large and small rely on clean water to run their operations.
- Every sector of our economy relies on clean water, and we depend on it in our day-to-day lives.
- EPA's plan is about protecting public health by protecting clean water. And safeguarding clean water also means protecting iconic places—from the Chesapeake Bay to Lake Tahoe and from Long Island Sound to the Mississippi River.

Gina will be doing numerous events highlighting local water bodies and the importance of clean water feeding into them.

To that end, Tom and I ask that you help us build out her travel calendar and also prepare yours for events (timing to be coordinated, but probably in early September) highlighting the need for clean water. Can you please provide to me, Tom and Matt by Friday COB a list of 5 opportunities in your region to highlight how clean water is crucial to their way of life (be it for business, or recreation)? This could include specific stakeholder events, specific water bodies that illustrate the need for clean water, or other events that you think will highlight the local importance of water. We'd like to build out a calendar of activities for the Administrator, it appears now that the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> will be a coordinated week of effort on WOTUS.

We have other pieces of this outreach plan that we're close to pulling together, including:

- A Q&A document that answers clearly all of the questions that folks have been hearing at the listening sessions
- New thinking on the interpretive rule
- More of a rapid response effort with media.

Tom and I are both happy to chat. We will both be on the RA call on Thursday, so happy to field questions then, too.

Thanks,  
Arvin and Tom

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**Arvin R. Ganesan**  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy  
Office of the Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

Message

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**From:** Trice, Jessica [Trice.Jessica@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/12/2014 3:00:32 PM  
**To:** Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Rader, Cliff [Rader.Cliff@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Update: OMB infrastructure Implementation Plan release

Hi Nick,

OFA has been the lead for EPA and has been attending the OMB led working group meetings on this effort and has commented heavily on the plan and worked with OMB and the other agencies to address our comments. EPA has two roles under the plan really, we (NCD) review and comment on the infrastructure projects that complete EIS's and also OWOW, with the Corp, is involved as some of these projects have a 404/wetlands permit. We have coordinated with OWOW on issues as they have arisen.

We don't have a desk statement at this point; however, I think we could pull something together quite easily like Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I am sure that you can make this sound much better!

The factsheet will also serve as a good resource and I think will help provide a consistent message across the agencies that have been involved.

We may need to loop in the OW communications contact as well given their role.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Jessica Trice  
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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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**From:** Conger, Nick  
**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 2:09 PM  
**To:** Trice, Jessica  
**Cc:** Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** RE: Update: OMB infrastructure Implementation Plan release

Thanks for keeping me in the loop, Jessica. I've copied in Monica from the Administrator's office for her awareness.

Remind me what EPA's role in the Plan is? Do we vet the potential projects for environmental impacts? Also, do we have a desk statement prepared in case we get media inquiries about our role in this effort? Or does the fact sheet satisfy that?

Nick Conger  
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Office: (202) 564-6287

**From:** Trice, Jessica  
**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 12:20 PM  
**To:** Conger, Nick  
**Subject:** Update: OMB infrastructure Implementation Plan release

Hi Nick,

Just wanted to give you an update on the OMB infrastructure effort. Information on the release is close hold for now but wanted to share the latest with you so you know from the communications standpoint. OMB has decided that they will publicly release the Implementation Plan along with the various other materials on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. This will include a public release of the Federal Implementation Plan, a factsheet, and populating a list of "upcoming infrastructure projects" all on the Federal Permitting Dashboard website (<http://www.permits.performance.gov/>). Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I shared the draft factsheet with you a while back and when I get a final version of it I will pass it along. For EPA, there aren't any specific things that we need to be doing for this I just wanted to give you the heads up in case we get any inquiries on this since it is a big Administration initiative. If we get any inquiries of course we are happy to help you address those as well!

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from me at this point.

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Message

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**From:** Lee, Monica [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=43A08FAB4A8948EAA3DAC902A97250D6-LEE, MONICA]  
**Sent:** 9/19/2014 6:16:27 PM  
**To:** Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS events- regions 1-5

+ regions 6-10

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**From:** Allen, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 4:48 PM  
**To:** Abrams, Dan; Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** WOTUS events- regions 1-5

Here's what I have on WOTUS events.

**Region 1**

Two events with Clean Water Action (in MA and CT).

**Region 2**

TBD event with Brooklyn Brewery.

**Region 3**

TBD

**Region 4**

**Marine Ecosystem Clean Water Act event with PEYA Winner -- Charlene Mauro, Navarre High School, Gulf Breeze, Florida**

Event with Charlene Mauro, 2014 PEYA Winner, and her students to recognize the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station in a formerly unoccupied ranger station, which she opened in 2009. Curricula at the station incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and is designed for 3-year-olds to adults. The station offers field activities, overnight programs, public open houses, summer camps, festivals and programs for special needs children, all of which focus on water conservation and respecting the marine ecosystem. Press event at the Science Station to highlight the importance of clean water to marine species and the ecosystem. Event will include hands-on examples of what the students are learning related to marine species and their habitat. Invitations extended to local elected officials and the environmental students at Navarre High School.

**Region 5**

Sept 30- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan 2 is announced.

Date TBD- RA will participate in an event with canoe-mobile, an organization that takes kids out in canoes to look at water quality.

**Region 6**

Regional Administrator Curry will attend WEFTEC with the Administrator in New Orleans, LA on 9/29. He will also speak at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Arkansas Recycling Coalition 9/30.

**Region 7**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>- Region 7 has organized a Brody Middle School classroom activity, including a roundtable with students and water testing demonstration at Des Moines Water Works. The regional administrator will deliver opening remarks about protecting water quality, WOTUS and efforts to reduce water pollution in Iowa.

#### **Region 8**

Potential event with Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and Regional Administrator McGrath. They're planning social media posts for the week as well.

#### **Region 9**

On Oct. 2, Region 9 will issue a press release announcing \$183 million in EPA grant funding to California's Clean Water and Drinking water state revolving funds. In addition, Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld will participate in a media event and tour in Fresno highlighting \$51 million in previous EPA SRF funding used to purchase and install 73,000 residential water meters in disadvantaged communities in the city. Following the water meters' installation, water use in Fresno dropped by about 22 percent. The press release and event will focus on the importance of the CWA for public health and the environment, particularly during a period of extreme drought in California.

#### **Region 10**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regional Administrator McLeran will hold a press event in Tacoma, Washington, potentially with the mayor focusing on stormwater and low impact development as they relate to water quality.

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**Sent:** 1/29/2016 3:36:36 AM  
**To:** Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE READ - Dr. Lurie - HHS

I agree. Thanks.

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Nitin Natarajan  
Deputy Assistant Administrator  
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202-566-0200 Office

On Jan 28, 2016, at 21:25, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Will do. From my conversations, they are finding visual examples of the federal field work to be challenging since most agencies are involved in coordination/assistance types of activities. EPA is one of the few agencies with on-the-ground activities which provide for better visual examples of the federal response in Flint. That said, I continue to believe that private home related activities should not be promoted as press events and be treated with the greatest amount of respect for the homeowner who are allowing us access. We will work to find other options.

David

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**From:** Natarajan, Nitin  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:19  
**To:** Gray, David  
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE READ - Dr. Lurie - HHS

David

If any of her team's request seem unreasonable or excessive please let me know and we can reach out.

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**CC:** Meiburg, Stan [Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov]; Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]; Durno, Mark [durno.mark@epa.gov]; Kaplan, Robert [kaplan.robert@epa.gov]; Beauvais, Joel [Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov]; Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]; Burke, Thomas [Burke.Thomas@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE READ - Dr. Lurie - HHS

Thanks. Mark mentioned something similar on our call tonight, that Dr Lurie

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Looking forward to tomorrow's update.

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**From:** Meiburg, Stan [Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/30/2016 1:00:23 AM  
**To:** Durno, Mark [durno.mark@epa.gov]; Natarajan, Nitin [Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov]; Beauvais, Joel [Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov]; Kaplan, Robert [kaplan.robert@epa.gov]; Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]; Burke, Thomas [Burke.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Sampling

Thanks so much, Mark. This is very good news—and as I said in an earlier note, if former Mayor of Atlanta Shirley Franklin is coming up there to help Mayor Weaver, she will be in good hands—Mayor Franklin is great!

I had a call from Nicki after the event— a reaction to my call with Amy Pope, I'm sure. Nicki was asking about the intent of the meeting tomorrow. I told her:

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It is challenging, I know, managing all this input! Thanks for your patience!

Stan

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**From:** Durno, Mark  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2016 7:54 PM  
**To:** Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>; Natarajan, Nitin <Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov>; Beauvais, Joel <Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov>; Kaplan, Robert <kaplan.robert@epa.gov>; Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Burke, Thomas <Burke.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Sampling

Good call Stan. Bob and I will be discussing some operational approaches moving forward. We're very confident in our current concept of operations, but we need to be prepared for a changing dynamic. I believe Dr. Edwards' input would be invaluable there – so – we'll definitely do this.

The media event went well – hope the messaging was on point. The Mayor and Dr. Lurie gave solid and reassuring messages. I took a lot of questions on the status of the drinking water system and how we will address these few homes where higher lead levels were detected. Our partners were all happy with the event – again – I hope the messages are interpreted by the media appropriately. News at 11....

Talk tomorrow, unless you need us tonight.

Mark

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**From:** Meiburg, Stan

**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2016 5:47 PM

**To:** Natarajan, Nitin <Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov>; Beauvais, Joel <Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov>; Kaplan, Robert <kaplan.robert@epa.gov>; Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Burke, Thomas <Burke.Thomas@epa.gov>; Durno, Mark <durno.mark@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Sampling

Colleagues,

I can't thank each of you enough for the calm and professionalism you are displaying during this challenging time.

I think that with tomorrow's briefing for the NSC and presumably Dr. Lurie, we have the opportunity to lay out why we think

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I wanted to ask, though, how we might ensure that

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Be happy to discuss this further with any of you.

Stan

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**Sent:** 4/10/2015 2:20:15 PM  
**To:** Eoc, Epahq [Eoc.Epahq@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** EOC Daily Emergency Management Report  
**Attachments:** ATT37570

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**EOC Daily Emergency Management Report**

**Date:** 04/10/2015  
**Time:** 10:00 EDT  
**Report Number:** 69-15

**Alerts & Warnings**

FEMA National Watch Center – Watch/Steady State (Day Only)  
National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) – No Current Alerts  
Continuity of Operations (COOP) COGCON Level 4  
EPA HQ EOC at Level 3 (Steady State/Routine Ops)  
Regional REOCs are at Level 3 (Steady State/Routine Ops)

**EPA Headquarters Activities**

ASPECT (Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology) is fully operational and available for deployment from Addison, TX, but with a possible 2 hour delay.

The Portable High Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification Systems (PHILIS) located in Edison, NJ and in Castle Rock, CO are operational and available for deployment.

**Available for deployment:** ERT TAGAs (Las Vegas & RTP); Mobile Command Posts & HazMat truck (Erlanger & Las Vegas); and ERT-Edison Mobile Lab 2 (Mobile Analytical Lab). **Temporarily out of commission:** ERT-Edison TAGA, for engine repair; ERT-Edison Mobile Lab 1 (TO-15), for maintenance.

**Significant National Weather**

**Severe Weather:** There is a slight risk of severe thunderstorms across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, Carolinas, Gulf Coast States, south Texas and Lower Mississippi Valley. There is a marginal risk of severe thunderstorms across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, Carolinas, Appalachian Foothills, Gulf Coast States, Lower Mississippi Valley, Texas Coastal Plains, Rio Grande Valley and far west Texas.

**Tornado Weather:** There is a 2% chance of tornado activity today across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, Carolinas, Gulf Coast States, south Texas and lower Mississippi Valley.

**Critical Fire Weather:** There is no critical fire forecasted for today, however there is an elevated fire potential for areas in west-central New Mexico.

**Significant Flood Outlook:** There is significant river flooding possible today across portions of western and northern Indiana and likely in eastern Missouri.

**Earthquake Activity:** No significant earthquake activity in the U.S. or U.S. territories.

**Report of Incident Notifications**

**Region 4, Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Spill Incident, Louisville, Kentucky:**

On the evening of 4/8/15, an electrical outage initiated a severe upset at the Morris Forman Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) that caused an estimated 100 million gallons of untreated sewage to be diverted to the Ohio River. US Coast Guard and Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection (KYDEP) are working with MSD on notifying drinking water inlets and public notifications regarding this incident. This is a high-media event. At this time the plant is operating on limited power and treatment capacity as the plant undergoes forensic engineering assessment. A Region 4 out-posted OSC is closely monitoring the response and mitigation activity and is available to support if requested by the State.

There were 21 epaosc.org websites created and/or updated during this reporting period (04/08/15-04/09/15).

**Exercises/Predeployments**

Nothing to report.

**Regional Daily Ops Status Report**

Reported activities primarily represent NRC notifications with some State-level and other notifications to Regional Phone Duty Officers.

**Reported Activities (04/09/2015 – 04/10/2015)**

| Region       | Oil       | Hazmat    | Radiation | Other    | Total     |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Region 1     | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 2         |
| Region 2     | 4         | 0         | 0         | 1        | 5         |
| Region 3     | 6         | 2         | 0         | 0        | 8         |
| Region 4     | 5         | 2         | 0         | 1        | 8         |
| Region 5     | 7         | 4         | 0         | 1        | 12        |
| Region 6     | 5         | 3         | 0         | 1        | 9         |
| Region 7     | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 2         |
| Region 8     | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         |
| Region 9     | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2        | 2         |
| Region 10    | 3         | 1         | 0         | 2        | 6         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>8</b> | <b>55</b> |

**Note: There were 4 unclassified events in the Hotline Log.**

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**From:** Eoc, Epahq [Eoc.Epahq@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** EOC Spot Report: Region 10, Crude Oil Train Derailment along the Columbia River, Mosier OR – Final

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## **EOC Spot Report: Region 10, Crude Oil Train Derailment along the Columbia River, Mosier OR – Final**

**US Environmental Protection Agency  
Report as June 10, 2016 07:30 EDT**

**Overview:** At 1515 EDT on 3 June 2016, EPA Region 10 received notification by the National Response Center that a crude oil train derailed along the Columbia River near Mosier, Oregon. Two significant public outreach and media interest events took place to wrap up a week of high anxiety and intense pressure placed upon the City of Mosier, Oregon. The first significant media interest event was scheduled by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and held on the front lawn of the Mosier Elementary School. Robert Kennedy Jr was one of the featured speakers at the event along with the leadership of the four Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, Umatilla Tribe, and Nez Perce Tribe). The event had over 200 people in attendance and press coverage was heavy. A picture of the event is attached below.

In addition to the media event scheduled by the Yakama Nation, the Mosier City Council also had an evening public meeting with over 100 residents in attendance to bring closure to the events of the past week. The entire City was appreciative of the work conducted by Unified Command to protect the residents, critical resources, and infrastructure in a manner that was respectful to the community.

With only the site characterization and removal of the remaining contaminated soil from the fire and spill impact area, long term monitoring of Rock Creek and the Columbia River, and repairs to the Mosier Sewage Treatment Plant are left to do; oversight of these activities will be transitioned over to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** Nothing new to report.

**EPA Actions:** EPA's FOSC & Incident Commander, shared his thoughts about the response actions taken and the unique chance to bring agencies and the Yakama Nation together to protect human health and the

environment. Other EPA Response Team members in attendance included the PIO, and the Environmental Unit. By Friday, 10 June 2016, the last two EPA Response Team members will be demobilized to return home.

**Media Interest: High**

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/report-fire-smoke-spotted-from-multicar-train-derailment-in-gorge/230418196>

[http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwestnews/index.ssf/2016/06/governor\\_promises\\_every\\_resour.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwestnews/index.ssf/2016/06/governor_promises_every_resour.html)





**The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed**

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**From:** Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/19/2015 9:40:46 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Telling Our Story session - Day 1

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**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Abrams, Dan  
**Subject:** Telling Our Story session - Day 1

Hi Dan –

Thanks for the call and for inviting me to help lead some of the PADs In-person meeting discussion on telling our story.

I think I can touch on a few things, which I've outlined below. Any of these can be ditched or used as basis for a further discussion with the group. I'm happy to get on the phone anytime with you and Liz to chat further.

Thanks!  
Kelly

1. **Enterprise stories:**

As we all know, reporters are often looking stories that are still timely and interesting, but not breaking news; deeper analysis of a topic that's been covered as a breaking news story; the potential for an exclusive story that no one else has told (sometimes referred to as a "conceptual scoop"); the opportunity for visuals/graphics/photos/video/audio; the idea of creating more of a narrative arc; the chance to daylight and/or explain a technological breakthrough/innovation; a story that can be held as an "evergreen" with no news peg, but could be of interest anytime. It would be good to hear how different regions mine their programs for enterprise stories, BMPs we can learn.

\* **In Region 9, we rely heavily on our division liaisons** – Similar to the comms directors in HQ, these folks are charged with finding cool, interesting, newsy stories that aren't necessarily the normal announcements, settlements, rules or enforcement actions that we rely on as daily news items. They come to our morning news meeting most days to talk about interesting news and enterprise stories.

2. **Examples of R9 Enterprise stories:**

**A) GMAP Truck:** Field visit/mini-tutorial on the GMAP truck, a National Enforcement Investigations Center truck (based in Denver) that recently came to R9 (SoCal) for two weeks. GMAP stands for "Geospatial Measurements of Air Pollution." The truck can be used to monitor various facilities in real time to measure certain types of air emissions. We invited a few reporters to check out the truck and see it in action around the Los Angeles. Got good coverage in local NPR affiliate and LA Times. (Can bring a few copies of the stories) Other examples include stories we've pitched to individual media on remote sensing technology for a highly toxic mine site in far Northern California; a tour of an EPA award-winning walnut farm using clean energy; site visit to the largest perchlorate-contaminated groundwater plume in the U.S. which is being cleaned up using more than \$1 billion of the Anadarko settlement.

**B) "Packaged" news:** R9 did a 90-day pilot project with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol office located at the LA/Long Beach port, which combined is the 5<sup>th</sup> busiest port in the world and imports about 40 percent of all the goods brought in to the US. EPA and CPB did joint inspections on incoming

vehicles/engines/components, and seized/exported 730 items that either had not gotten proper CAA certifications for air emissions, or had fake parts designed to limit air emissions under CAA. R9 press office, with our Enforcement Division, bundled 8 cases that resulted from the spot inspections and seizures and did a press event highlighting the project, the items seized, and showed media outlets a real-time inspection at a Customs warehouse.

- C) **Grants:** This is one of the best ways for us to tell our story. Region 9 has worked hard to “follow the money” since more than 80 percent of our operating budget each year goes out the door in the form of grants/contracts. In recent years, we amended the language of our grants agreements to include a clause on outreach. That is, if an outside entity has a press announcement, holds a media event, etc. they must give EPA 10 days’ notice so that R9 can work on the communications outreach strategy with them, plan to have an EPA official there, be involved in the PR, etc. Since that language was just incorporated recently, we haven’t got any examples yet. However, we have made progress in working with our grants and program offices to better coordinate on highlighting EPA funding and its impacts to local communities. Part of this has been a cultural/mindset shift – many people in R9 used to think that since much of this funding was annual money that funds ongoing operations, we shouldn’t highlight it or do outreach on it. It’s been a long-term process to adjust that mindset.
1. Each month, we get a **60-day report** from our grants office showing upcoming grants to be awarded. We review those and, based on size of the award, type of project and recipient, reach out to the project officer and work on an outreach strategy to announce the awarding of the grant itself (We often try and get quotes from recipients as well).
  2. The longer term (and more difficult) work involves tracking a project over time. For example, we award **\$5 million each year in San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement funding**. We announce the money each year. A couple of years ago, we asked the team to start tracking more closely the projects awarded money in previous years, since they’re usually very interesting, and involve habitat restoration, water quality improvement and wetlands. In 2013, we held a media event showcasing the removal of a weir (dam) on **San Francisquito Creek in the South Bay**, directly below “El Palo Alto” the 1,000-foot tall redwood tree that gave the city of Palo Alto its name. The local conservation district had been awarded about \$300,000 in an earlier round of grant funding. We held an event as project workers removed the 100-year-old concrete weir, which is going to allow steelhead trout to migrate upstream for the first time in since it was installed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  3. SRF Grants – California receives around \$200 million each year for CWA and SDWA State Revolving Fund money. In the fall of 2014, R9 held an event at a home in **Fresno highlighting \$51 million in SDWA SRF funding** that paid for the installation of 78,000 water meters in the city of Fresno. Until that point, many of these homeowners simply paid a flat rate for water, which doesn’t provide an incentive to conserve water.

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Message

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**Sent:** 9/24/2014 8:13:35 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Close Hold: Mercedes Re-labeling Action

**Flag:** Follow up

Hey – here's the note that Chris sent to Janet last night – some good background info --

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From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:43 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Cc: Bunker, Byron; Birgfeld, Erin; Millett, John; Hengst, Benjamin; Cook, Leila
Subject: Close Hold: Mercedes Re-labeling Action

Janet,

You may remember me mentioning to you that we had two possible new fuel economy mislabeling cases brewing. We have been doing additional testing of a Mercedes C300 and a BMW Mini-Cooper, both of which had exceeded our screening audit thresholds. That work is wrapping up with Mercedes this week and BMW in the next two weeks.

Here is a summary of what we have learned:

EPA audited four Mercedes vehicles. Three of the vehicles had results nearly identical to Mercedes reported values. The three vehicles with good results were an M Class SUV and two sedans, the E Class and S Class. One vehicle, the C300 Sedan exceeded our screening value (a discrepancy of greater than 10 percent in the coast down results). We worked with Mercedes to procure three more identical copies of the vehicle and conducted coast down testing to confirm the screening results. From these tests a new "road load curve" was developed (key input for dyno test) and the vehicles were retested for fuel economy. The C300 is sold in both a 49 state FFV version and a California PZEV version that have slightly different fuel economy but the same road load values. Both vehicles were retested using the road load values developed from EPA's coast down testing of the C300s. Since the vehicles were only a small amount above EPA's threshold, the impact on FE was modest, changing the results by 1 mpg for some cycles. We will conclude our work in the next day or two, but we can say that we expect the fuel economy values to be as follows.

FFV C300 (only City changes)
Original Lb: 20 City, 27 Highway, and 22 Combined
New Label: 19 City, 27 Highway, and 22 Combined

PZEV C300 (all three decrease 1 mpg)
Original Lb: 20 City, 29 Highway, and 23 Combined
New Label: 19 City, 28 Highway, and 22 Combined

Mercedes will make the corresponding changes to their ghg balances as appropriate.

We would like to communicate these results to the public as quickly as possible, consistent with our actions for Hyundai, Kia, and Ford. Erin will be working with John on the communications plan, but here is our thinking at the moment. We would like to target a week from today (next Tuesday) to update our relabeling webpage, update fueleconomy.gov, and to release a press statement with the following key messages.

- EPA remains ever vigilant in overseeing this program
- Even small corrections are important to consumers and to EPA
- Other Mercedes vehicles were tested and had no issues
- We intend to continue our efforts to improve our oversight

Mercedes is still working on their communications materials, but at this point, they want to focus on good results for their other models and only a small offset for this one model that is being corrected. It sounds like

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I will follow up with an update on the BMW Mini Cooper next week after we have some of the early test results from NVFEL. If things go as we hope, we could be prepared to update those values as soon as the following week.

Chris

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From: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/16/2014 1:15:11 PM
To: Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
CC: Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

FYL...the plan for state notifications.

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From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea
Cc: Noonan, Jenny; Harvey, Reid; Goffman, Joseph; Millett, John
Subject: Re: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

Works for me.

How about I give Tracy a call this morning to let her know we'll be announcing This later today and sending her a note that she can read to the group after 1:30 eastern?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2014, at 8:44 AM, "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

How about something like this for ECOS? The bracketed text would be what we'd insert for the AAPCA/NACAA/NARUC/NASEO emails.

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From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 1:00 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea
Cc: Noonan, Jenny
Subject: Re: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

I can also specifically thank them for the most recent discussion in Santa Fe

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 10:00 PM, "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Two thoughts:

1) do we need the middle two grafs? I feel like [Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]
[Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]

2) I think we should [Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]
[Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]

We should also probably say something [Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]
[Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)]

Ok so that was three things. I can do line edits in the morning. And I can easily work this into an email for the RAs/Add.

From: Noonan, Jenny
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:33 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea
Subject: FW: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

As requested.

From: Noonan, Jenny
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:29 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea; Millett, John; Stewart, Lori
Subject: Draft emails from Janet: For the state leaders

Here's a draft for your consideration. It wouldn't take much to cut this – mostly taken from William's draft letter to the Senators – down into something for the RAs/ADDs. Let me know if you want me to do that in the morning.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 8:13 PM
To: McCabe, Janet; Millett, John
Cc: Goffman, Joseph; Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Heads Up Calls Tomorrow

Jenny and I will draft something for you to send to ecos and the other state orgs. We might as well add NASEO and NARUC to that email as well. The plan would be for you to send those notes at noon.

We'll get something to the RAs/ADDs first thing tomorrow.

Thanks and safe travels home.

AD

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 7:59 PM
To: Millett, John
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea; Goffman, Joseph; Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Heads Up Calls Tomorrow

We definitely need to get a message to the env commrs because I was JUST wih them today. I'd propose doing that by having an email ready to go to Tracy Stone Manning and Tom Tyler that I can send as soon as we're ready to go. We can inform NACAA and AaPCA at the same time.

And can we send a note to the RAs (most of whom are at ECOS tomorrow) and the AdDs first hing in the AM close hold?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 3:10 PM, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov> wrote:

For the regions -- I mentioned on the ADDs call to stay tuned for a possible heads up, but did not offer details.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph  
**Cc:** Noonan, Jenny; Distefano, Nichole; Millett, John  
**Subject:** Heads Up Calls Tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Hi Janet/Joe,

I'm trying to figure out whether Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I'm attaching a list that Jenny pulled together for reference.

I'm Ccing Nichole for her input as well, since OCIR may have some thoughts on this one as well.

As far as the RAs, I'm not sure we'll have materials to provide to them until tomorrow AM. If you'd like to send an informal email to them tonight and follow up in the morning with materials that might work. And then I can follow up with materials in the morning. Please let me know your preference on this one.

Thanks and safe travels to both of you.

-Andrea-

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**To:** Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Johnson, Alisha [Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov]; Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Newberg, Cindy [Newberg.Cindy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Gina TPs for 9/16 WH HFC CEO Roundtable  
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Let's go with this one (v2)

Thanks!

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**From:** Samy, Kevin  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 2:43 PM  
**To:** Millett, John; Dennis, Allison; Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Allen, Laura  
**Cc:** Newberg, Cindy  
**Subject:** RE: Gina TPs for 9/16 WH HFC CEO Roundtable

Actually -- hold on this...I have a few more edits! Sorry for jumping the gun. Will hit this chain in a bit...

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**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 2:41 PM  
**To:** Millett, John; Dennis, Allison; Purchia, Liz; Johnson, Alisha; Allen, Laura  
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**Subject:** RE: Gina TPs for 9/16 WH HFC CEO Roundtable

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**From:** Bolen, Derrick[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FFC58B0468C4DECA51A8BAD735B7D95-BOLEN, DERR]  
**Sent:** Wed 6/19/2019 9:52:17 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** FW: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request  
Dust-Lead Hazard Standards Press Release 6 17 19.docx  
lead regional talkers 6 17 19.docx

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2019 1:52 PM  
**To:** Ammon, Matthew E <Matthew.E.Ammon@hud.gov>; Friedman, Warren <Warren.Friedman@hud.gov>; Miller, Michelle M <Michelle.M.Miller@hud.gov>  
**Cc:** Miller, Michelle M <Michelle.M.Miller@hud.gov>; Haber, Bruce P <Bruce.P.Haber@hud.gov>; Goodloe, Shantae M <Shantae.M.Goodloe@hud.gov>; Raphael.L.Williams@hud.gov; Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

Hi all—

I hope everyone had a great weekend. I’m following up with some additional information from us and some asks for you.

- 1. Attached you will find a draft press release with a placeholder for a quote from the Secretary. I’m attaching the regional draft talking points for awareness/background
- 2. Please provide me with a list of HUD staff that will be attending the signing that will be arriving separately from the Secretary.
- 3. Below is a summary of the regional events that we have planned so far. Note that if events are taking place on Thursday, they will be embargoed until Friday 11AM.

If there are updates to any of the materials, I will share those as soon as they are available.

Please let me know if you have any questions and as soon as we finalize a run of show for the Friday signing at EPA HQ.

**Summary of Regional Events**

**Region 1:**  
Who: Action RA Deb Szaro and R1 HUD Regional Administrator David Tille  
What: EPA/HUD will announce the new rules at their pre-planned annual congressional staff briefing. They will do targeted press calls on June 21.  
Where: R1 office  
When: June 20, 11:30am

**Region 2 (checking to see whether June 21 will work)**  
Who: DRA Walter Mugdan, R2 HUD RA (invited), City of Newburgh Mayor Torrance Harvey, Orange Count Executive Stephen Neuhaus, PEHSU representative  
What: Press announcement  
Where: Sidewalk outside of a revitalized residential home in the West of Broadway Neighborhood, Newburgh, NY (EPA has conducted significant outreach work in Newburgh on the issue of lead.)  
When: June 21, 11:00AM

**Region 3:**  
Who: RA Cervidio, R3 HUD RA Jo DeFelice, PA State Senator Vincent Hughes and other local elected  
What: Press announcements  
Where: Overbrook Environmental Education Center

When: June 21, 10:30AM

**Region 4:**

Who: RA Walker, R4 HUD RA Denise Cleveland-Leggett, TN DEC Secretary David Salyers, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland  
What: Press announcement  
Where: The Urban Child Institute (non-profit org)  
When: June 21, 1:00PM

**Region 5:**

Who: RA Stepp and Oneida Nation Leadership  
What: Roundtable and media avail  
Where: Oneida Nation Reservation, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
When: June 20, Time TBD (will be under embargo until 11AM on June 21)

**Region 6:**

Region 6 is exploring an event on Friday, June 21 in El Paso, TX with participation from HUD, PEHSU and potentially City. More info to come.

**Region 7:**

Who: RA Guilliford, R7 HUD RA Jason Mohr, St Joseph Mayor Bill McMurry, St Joseph Health Department Debra Bradley  
What: Press Announcement  
Where: St Joseph, Missouri location TBD  
When: June 21, 10:00AM

**Region 8:**

Who: RA Sopkin, HUD Region 8 RA Evelyn Lim, HUD/EPA staff  
What: Press Announcement  
Where: EPA or HUD regional office  
When: June 21, 10:00 AM MDT

**Region 9:**

Who: Jeff Scott, director Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division; HUD TBD  
What: Press Announcement and Tour  
Where: Alameda, CA HUD-funded remediation site  
When: June 20, 11:00AM PDT (will be under embargo until 11AM on June 21)

**Region 10:**

Region 10 is still working on specifics for an event with RA Hladick and Region 10 HUD RA in the Seattle area on June 21.

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**From:** Ammon, Matthew E <[Matthew.E.Ammon@hud.gov](mailto:Matthew.E.Ammon@hud.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019 11:47 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

Hi Andrea ...has the event been moved to the 21st? We have a new calendar invite indicating so...thanks

Matt Ammon  
U.S. Dept of HUD  
Director, OLHCHH

**From:** Friedman, Warren  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:00:28 PM  
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Cc:** Ammon, Matthew E; Miller, Michelle M; Haber, Bruce P; Goodloe, Shantae M  
**Subject:** Re: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

Andrea: No apologies needed; thanks for the prompt heads-up!

Yours,  
Warren  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 1:54:38 PM  
**To:** Darwin, Veronica; Ammon, Matthew E; Haber, Bruce P; Friedman, Warren; Miller, Michelle M; Williams, Raffi  
**Cc:** Bolen, Derrick; Gordon, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

Hi all—

I just wanted to touch base really quickly to let you know that the Administrator's schedule has changed for June 20<sup>th</sup> and we've had to pull down the signing event. I'm not sure at the moment whether it will be rescheduled, and if so, when, so stay tuned for that, but I did want to get to this group quickly with that update.

As far as the regional events, as of now, we are staying the course. We will provide an update to you as soon as we know more.

I'm going to work with my folks here on next steps here, but we won't have anything definitive until tomorrow morning with the time difference since our team is currently in Japan.

Thanks so much and my sincerest apologies for the last minute change.

-Andrea-

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Darwin, Veronica  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:47 PM  
**To:** Ammon, Matthew E; Haber, Bruce P; Friedman, Warren; Miller, Michelle M; Drinkard, Andrea  
**Subject:** Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request  
**When:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 11:30 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Please call; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) conference #; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

As discussed. Thank you, HUD Team!

Veronica